Soviets express their gratitude to Israel

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Rabbi Harry Kaufman (left), Sephardi Chief Rabbi David Sabbah, Rabbi Benjamin Hauer and Armand Essiminy, 1st vice-president of the Rabbinat Sepharade du Quebec, gather shortly before their departure for Israel. [Howard Kay photo]

Canadian delegation in Israel

Orthodox urging change

By
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MONTREAL —

A group of Canadian Orthodox rabbis and one layman visited Israel last week to demonstrate their support for the amendment of the Law of Return as soon as possible. They were scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Before their departure on the hastily arranged trip, they strongly denounced the federations, and Allied Jewish Community Services in particular, for "creating hysteria" and for "blackmailing" Israel by threatening to withhold funds raised here.

Rabbis Benjamin Hauer, of Congregation Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob; Rabbi Harry Kaufman, of the Young Israel of Montreal synagogue; Rabbi David Sabbah, head of the Rabbinat Sepharade du Quebec; Armand Essiminy, 1st vice-president of the RSQ (all of Montreal); Rabbi Mordechai Berger, of the Young Israel of Ottawa; left for Israel Nov. 28.

While Sabbah and Essiminy had the support of the RSQ, the other rabbis made their representations as individuals, Hauer stressed, and did not go on behalf of their congregations. (Hauer's is the largest Orthodox congregation in Montreal.)

They did claim the moral support of the Vaad Ha'ir and Beth Din, and brought with them a message from Chief Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung in support of the amendment.

They claimed to be the first delegation from Canada going to Israel to counter what they called the North American federations' "unwarranted interference in Israel's internal affairs."

Their statement and trip to Israel was opposed by the Rabbinical Council of Canada, Quebec Region, of which Hauer and Kaufman are members, according to another Orthodox rabbi, Reuben Poupko of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation. While the Orthodox rabbinate recognizes only halachic conversions, there are differing opinions in Montreal on whether this should be applied to secular Israeli law, he said.

The RCC, Quebec Region, issued a press release the day after the group's statement, which

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Diaspora leaders claim some success on law

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Leaders of Diaspora Jewry conceded last week that they failed to get the divisive Who Is a Jew issue removed from Israel's political agenda.

But the heads of 25 major American Jewish organizations who came here for that purpose were convinced that their intervention improved chances that the proposed amendment to the Law of Return would be defeated in the Knesset.

Rabbi Daniel Syme, vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a Reform group, said that he did not believe many Labor or Likud members of the Knesset favored a change in the law.

The amendment would deny automatic Israeli citizenship to persons converted by non-Orthodox rabbis. It aroused fierce opposition among Diaspora Jews, the majority of whom are affiliated with the Reform, Conservative or Reconstructionist branches of Judaism.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir promised the ultra-Orthodox parties swift passage of the measure in return for their participation in a Likud-led coalition government.

Although Shamir was obviously taken aback by the depth of feeling expressed by overseas Jews, including several prominent leaders of modern Orthodoxy in the United States, he insisted he would not renege on his promise to the religious parties.

The American Jews spent most of their time lobbying Knesset members. They could not convince all of them that Who Is a Jew is a religious issue that should not be decided in a political body.

But they believe their mission was a success any-

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Shamir asks Herzog for additional time

By
CJN NEWS SERVICES

JERUSALEM —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has asked President Chaim Herzog for an additional 21 days to form Israel's next government.

The decision came as Likud pressed its efforts to win the support of key religious parties and as it reopened talks with Israel's Labor Party, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

On Sunday, Peres met with David Levy, the No. 2 Likud man and the vice-premier.

Shamir denied the Levy-Peres meeting was a serious effort to form a broad-based coalition.

"We are not holding negotiations with Labor," Shamir told Israel Radio. "But now we are intending to present a narrow government to the president."

On Nov. 15, Herzog gave Shamir three weeks to form a government, but so far the Prime Minister has failed to forge a narrow coalition of right-wing and religious parties or a broad-based coalition with Labor, as was the case in the last election.

In the Nov. 1 election, Likud narrowly defeated Labor winning 40 seats to Labor's 39 in the 120-member Knesset.

As The Canadian Jewish News went to press on Dec. 5, two ultra-Orthodox parties that had been wavering between Likud and Labor promised their support to Shamir.

The stalemate that prevented Shamir from forming a government was broken when Agudat Yisrael's Council of Sages decided to resist the blandishments of Labor and cast its lot with Likud.

Degel HaTorah, an Agudah breakaway party that had been wavering for the past week, also announced it was concluding a deal with Likud.

With Degel's two seats, Agudah's five and the other religious and right-ist factions in line, Shamir would have a governing majority of 65 in the 120-member Knesset.

The Agudah sages made their announcement after a 6-hour meeting in Bnei Brak, where they had been visited first by Likud and later by Labor Party ministers.

Until then, uncertainty cast a pall over Israel's political scene, as both Labor and Likud ardently courted the religious extremists, much to the disgust of some important figures in each party.

As the two major parties tried to outbid each other for the favor of the religious parties, serious internal cracks began to show in their leadership ranks.

Several key Likud ministers refused to add their signatures to a document outlining Likud's undertakings to the Agudah. Among them were the politically powerful Moshe Arens,

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WJC head: Respond to Soviet changes

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman said here last week that the worldwide Soviet Jewish movement would have to change its strategies in light of the changes in Soviet Jewish life that have occurred under Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev.

(Bronfman spoke in Toronto on Monday of this week but both his speeches — to the Canadian Club and to a community rally of the Canadian Jewish Congress — were held after The CJN went to press and full coverage will appear in the next issue.)

Vigils and demonstrations against the Soviets are not only in poor taste now, they are counter-productive, Bronfman said. Gorbachev, he added, "is taking a lot of heat from the Soviet old guard for being 'too good' to the Jews."

World Jewry will soon have to think about how to acknowledge the significant changes in Soviet Jewish life, Bronfman added. He said that this could be done by influencing Western countries to provide greater economic benefits for the Soviets.

He stressed that such steps should be considered only when "new Soviet emigration laws go into effect and the figures go up."

Bronfman spoke to the International Council of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, which convened in Jerusalem. The delegates from all over the world discussed how efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews should adapt to recent changes in the Soviet Union.

Bronfman recalled that in 1979, when 51,000 Jews left Russia, "the Soviets asked what world Jewry was prepared to do for them, and nothing was done. I don't want us to make the same mistake twice."

He said that the promises the Soviets have made to him and to others over the past two years or so "are becoming realities. This is not the time to harangue and shout, it's time to be supporting and appreciative."

The worldwide Soviet Jewry movement, he said, "must change its strategy and tactics. It's not the time to scream in front of embassies, but to do what the Soviets are allowing us to do — send in rabbis, teachers, artists and others to build Jewish life in the Soviet Union."

Referring to Gorbachev's attempt to reform the Soviet economy, Bronfman said that "Gorbachev has about two or three years to show that he can put more consumer goods and food on the shelves. If he fails, and he might, there will be a tightening of repression. To make perestroika succeed, he needs hard currency from the West."

Bronfman said that world Jewry should establish a "Jewish peace corps" that would mobilize the manpower to revive Jewish life in the Soviet Union. Jewish communities in Israel and the Diaspora, he said, will now be able to make "twinning" arrangements to support Jewish cultural centres in as many as 200 localities. He said that these efforts would be funded and carried out through the WJC and the Jewish Agency.

Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz, who also serves as head of the world Conference on Soviet Jewry, said that the movement would have to learn to combine its advocacy role with cultural work inside the Soviet Union. He said that cultural projects for Russian Jews should be coordinated by the movement, to "prevent unrestricted competition that enables the Soviets to buy Jewish good will for a low price."

Both he and Bronfman stressed that increased aliya would come only as a result of a heightened Jewish consciousness and pride among Russian Jews.

Holidays bringing earlier deadlines

Because of the December holidays with likely delays in the mails and revised printing schedules, The CJN editorial department can no longer accept organizational releases for the Dec. 15 and 22 issues, or the Jan. 5 issue. There will be NO ISSUE on Dec. 29.

Only "earth-shattering" stories will be considered for these issues as of NOW.

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World-National

Who is a Jew no issue for Knesset

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

We Jews must have a hidden tendency for self-destruction. At a time when the very future of Israel is at stake, when it should be devoting all its energy to shaping the contours of peace, it entangles itself in a debilitating battle over a religious issue.

Unfortunately, it is not the first time that this scenario has been played out. The Talmud records that two prominent families in Jerusalem, Kamza and Bar Kamza, engaged in a deadly feud which facilitated the Roman conquest of the city. Whether or not the tale is historically accurate, is immaterial. What is important is the Talmud's intention to warn us that a breach in the wall of Jewish unity may result in a breach of Jerusalem's walls. That is the situation which faces Israel today.

Rabbi Plaut

When the state was founded as a homeland for all Jews, the Law of Return became its cornerstone. It states simply that every person either born of a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism has an innate right to become a citizen of Israel. For forty years the law has served us well. But for some time now, right-wing Orthodox parties (urged on by the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Brooklyn) have tried to have the Law of Return amended by adding to the phrase "or converted to Judaism" the words "according to the halacha." The intent (about this there is no dispute) is to make the Orthodox interpretation of halacha determine who is and who is not properly converted. Conservative, Reconstructionist, or Reform conversions would be invalid because the rabbis of these religious movements are not recognized as legitimate interpreters of halacha.

Minor question

Some people consider all this a minor question. After all, they say, there are only a few converts settling in Israel each year, so why the fuss? Indeed, the fuss is not about them at all. The real target of the attempt to amend the law are all non-Orthodox rabbis and their people. By having the Knesset write the words "according to halacha" into the Law of Return the religious practices of all non-Orthodox Jews would — by implication — be branded as inauthentic by the State of Israel. It is an additional irony that many of the ultra-Orthodox proponents of the change do not even believe in the legitimacy of the State of Israel and refuse to fight in its armed forces.

Can there be any surprise that this is deeply resented by those who, in sheer numbers alone, represent the vast majority of organized religious Jewry? I meet this resentment wherever I go, and it worries me deeply. "If that law passes," I hear over and over again, "I am in effect disenfranchised by the State of Israel. My Judaism would be officially declared inauthentic and un-Jewish. Would such a declaration alter my relationship to Israel? Of course."

Such answers come in various shapes and forms, but they all amount to the same: Jewish unity in support of Israel would be fundamentally disrupted.

I grant Orthodox Jews every right to interpret God's will in accordance with their insights. They are free to recognize non-Orthodox conversions (as is still done in many communities, especially in the United States) or not to recognize them. But to use the political process to have the secular legislature of the State of Israel rule on the authenticity or inauthenticity of various interpretations of Judaism would be a mis-step of incalculable consequences. Mr. Shamir thinks that the storm would be brief and die down after a while. He is wrong.

Fortunately, important Orthodox leaders (affiliated with the Rabbinical Council of America) also see it this way and are urging both Messrs. Shamir and Peres not to make the Law of Return part of a coalition agreement. I hope their voice will be heard along with the veritable chorus of Jewish leadership from across North America.

The Book of Kohelet cautions us that there is a time to build and a time to tear up what has been built. The Kamza-Bar Kamza experience ought to serve as a warning.

White House official rejects "Zionism is racism"

Parley with Sununu called positive

By
SUSAN BIRNBAUM &
WOLF BLITZER

NEW YORK —

A meeting held last week in New York between Jewish leaders and White House chief of staff-designate John Sununu was characterized as "very positive."

The lunch meeting was hosted by Jewish Republican leader Jacob Stein, who wanted to provide Jewish representatives and Sununu a chance to meet each other personally and discuss differences and common agendas.

About 30 heads of major Jewish organizations met for more than an hour at the Princeton Club with the retiring New Hampshire governor. President-elect George Bush's selection of Sununu to the chief staff post at the White House had elicited concern by Jewish groups because of his pro-Arab leanings.

His refusal two years ago to sign a petition denouncing the United Nations' 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism raised the ire of many Jewish leaders.

Sununu "stated his position that he thoroughly supports the repeal of the resolution (and) that he was a major architect who set forth clearly in the record that this position should be expunged," according to Stein.

Sununu's father's family, of Middle Eastern origin, came to the United States at the beginning of the 20th century. The family came from Beirut as well as Jerusalem's Greek Orthodox community. His mother was born in El Salvador of Greek heritage.

Sununu's rejection of the controversial UN resolution was confirmed by Julius Berman, a past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who was at the meeting.

Berman said Sununu "was unequivocal that he clearly takes the position now that the resolution should be revoked."

Sununu was described as "affable and informing" by another participant, Theodore Ellenoff, president of the American Jewish Committee.

Ellenoff said Sununu was questioned "with a great deal of interest with regard to positions he had taken on the Middle East." He said it "became clear that he was good-natured about the differences and anxious to talk about them."

According to one participant, Sununu acknowledged that he had publicly stated that positions taken at times by the organized Jewish community are "in his opinion not helpful in the overall position advocated for Israel."

Sununu was described by one participant as interested "in continuing the talks with the people present" and "in establishing the mechanisms in which there could be broad dialogue on subjects like Israel and the Middle East."

The talks were described as "no-holds barred" and also veered at times from Israel and the Middle East to such domestic issues as education and taxes.

Everyone interviewed said Sununu clarified that he "sees himself not as a policy-maker but as an implementor of the president's policy."

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Speaking in Washington, Sununu said the incoming Bush administration will face some good opportunities to advance the Arab-Israeli peace process despite the continuous "turmoil" in the region.

He said the United States, in fact, may be "on the verge of years that will move us toward peace."

In an exclusive interview with Wolf Blitzer, Sununu was confident that Bush and his designated Secretary of State, James Baker , will focus much of their personal attention on the Middle East.

As he has done repeatedly in recent days, he again insisted that his controversial refusal to sign a 1986 proclamation renouncing the UN's Zionism-equals-racism resolution was not meant to signal any opposition to Israel even though he was the only governor who did not sign it. He said that he simply felt that governors should not sign such foreign policy resolutions as a matter of principle.

Throughout the interview, Sununu clearly wanted to reassure Israel and its American Jewish supporters that he was not anti-Israel.

Regarding the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers, he said that he was "frankly" not qualified to assess the importance of its outcome.

"I have to be honest with you," he said. "There are so many subtleties involved in that that frankly I'm happy that I have less foreign policy experience." He added jokingly: "You figure that out."

"I can't interpret that," he continued on a more serious note. He cited all of the "nuances and complexities," adding: "Frankly, in the position that I'm in now, I wouldn't even attempt to interpret that. That's George Bush's and James Baker's forte. And I am not going to try to read either the lines or between the lines."

Secular Israelis also have much to answer for

RABBI JACOB CHINITZ, of Shaar Shalom Congregation in Halifax, comments on the recent Israeli elections.

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Whatever may be your opinion on the outcome of the Israeli elections, it was amusing to see the Labor and Civil Rights people bemoan the new victory of the Orthodox parties, even more than the supposed defeat to their peace hopes. "Now they will force religion upon us." "I'm packing my bags, who wants to live in a religious country?" "I want to live my own life, I don't want anybody telling me how to live!"

I do not share the opinions of the Orthodox parties or the Orthodox rabbis in Israel. I, too, regret their new strength in the Knesset. But it is only fair to examine some of the past, and some of the present, with regard to these matters, and ask ourselves if some of the blame should not be shared precisely by those secularists, humanists and left-wingers who now seem to fear a more religious state more than they fear an Arab state.

Should not Labor, Shinui, Citzen Rights and Mapam people ask themselves some of the following questions?

Why did our Zionist education fail to bring up a generation which would stay in the land, even when professional advancement is not available?

Why was Agudat Yisrael more successful in bringing in people from the Diaspora to vote in the election than were the left-wing parties?

If the small parties are such a plague to Israeli democracy, why were the four years of the coalition government, when the small parties could have been kept out of the government, not used to introduce electoral reform so that something close to the 2-party system could emerge?

Why are Israeli secularists, or less-than-Orthodox Jews, not more favorable towards Conservative and Reform Judaism, so that the Orthodox would lose some of their votes and their blackmail value in these coalitions?

By the same token, why are the non-Orthodox movements in Judaism so averse to using the electoral process, leaving the political field free for the Orthodox?

Why was it possible to exclude Meir Kahane and Kach from the electoral process, on the basis of racism and fascism, but not possible to exclude the Arab and Communist parties who are bent upon destroying Israel as a Jewish state?

Why do all studies show that a loss of religious identity leads also to a loss of nationalistic identity?

Why do religious Jews come to Israel and secular Jews leave Israel in proportionate numbers?

Why do Israeli high school students say that they feel closer to their Arab neighbors than they do to Jews living in Brooklyn?

We are aware that another series of questions could be asked about non-Zionist and anti-Zionist religious individuals and groups. But most of the religious parties, unlike the Neturei Karta and the Satmar, participate in the life of the state, and while they are motivated by their own Orthodox, even fundamentalist prejudices, they do work for a more Jewish Israel, according to their lights — mistaken though they may be.

We are aware that the elite of the officer corps for many decades came from the Shomer Hatzair kibbutzim. But how much strength, and how much Jewishness did the socialistic ideology of the extreme Israeli left add to the staying power of residence and identity to the state?

We are aware that there is a lot of hypocrisy in the Likud about religion, and that many members of the right-wing parties also bemoan the new power of the rabbis. But the same questions addressed to the secular left can be addressed to the secular right. Why did you not deprive the rabbis of their strength by reforming the electoral system when you could? And why did you not encourage non-Orthodox forms of Judaism, instead of insisting that the latter were Diaspora oriented and imitative of Christianity?

It is time to recognize that a complete divorce of Jewish nationalism from Jewish religion leads to the eroding of both. That the emphasis upon democracy as the first priority leads to the diminution of the emphasis of the Jewish nature of the state. A way must be found to incorporate Jewish values emanating from the religious tradition, perhaps not in officially religious forms, but in cultural, ethnic, literary, social, and yes, governmental terms, into the life and identity of the Jewish State.

If the numbers of Arabs, within Israel and in the territories, were they to be granted citizenship, is a threat to the Jewishness of the state, in quantitative terms, why not recognize that the erosion of Jewishness can take place in qualitative terms, not because of too many Arabs, but because of too few Jews remaining Jews?

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Voices of Survival praised as compelling visual document

CJC film recounts Holocaust experiences

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress recently finished up its Holocaust Documentation Project with little of the fanfare that marked its launching eight years ago, but that didn't seem to dampen the sense of achievement — and perhaps a little relief — all round.

By all accounts, it was well worth the wait.

The release of Voices of Survival, an hour-long videotaped documentary recounting the experiences of Canadian Jewish Holocaust survivors, has already received wide praise as a compelling visual document.

A copy is already being stored at Yad Vashem, where it was screened during a CJC mission to Israel earlier this year. Copies will be used as a resource tool in schools across the country in conjunction with an educational guide being prepared by CJC.

Voices of Survival, narrated by former Canadian United Nations ambassador Stephen Lewis, will also be shown this winter on Global Television and the CBC, whose Montreal and Edmonton affiliates co-produced it in assocaition with Congress.

Assembling the documentary was no easy task for its writer and director Alan Handel, who was chosen to complete it by a committee chaired by historian Irving Abella.

Handel, an award-winning former film producer for the CBC, was furnished with 270 20-minute videotapes containing the remembrances of 66 Holocaust victims who are now Canadians.

The tapes had been recorded as part of the documentation project launched eight years ago under the directorship of Kathy Falud and with a grant from Multiculturalism Canada amounting to more than $200,000.

Toronto historian Paula Draper and Montreal writer Josh Freed conducted most of the interviews, but funds ran dry before the project could be completed.

A new $60,000 injection of funds from Multiculturalism Canada, spearheaded by CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone, made it possible for the project to finally be completed.

Voices of Survival appears to fulfil its promise both as an archival document and an evocative portrait of survival.

Handel had his work cut out for him: from the 66 interviews, he culled seven for the documentary, writing the narration and interspersing the interviews with rare stills and films that would also make it suitable as the resource tool for which it was intended.

The survivors live in areas across Canada: Murray Kenig from Hungary ended up in Richmond Hill, BC; Vera Slymovics, Vera Eden and Kenny Ertl, all from Czechoslovakia, are now in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto; Vilna native Paul Kagan resides in Edmonton, while Philip Reitman, a native of Poland, lives in Halifax. Fay Shulman, who was a partisan fighter with the Russians, lived in a Russian town on the Polish border and came to Toronto.

The footage rings familiar, but the remembrances and observations touch on the harrowing, personal realities of life and especially death.

Kenig is eloquent recalling the death camp. Kagan recalls Vilna's 80,000 Jews, its six Yiddish newspapers. Reitman was forced to dig graves. The "clickety-click, clickety-click" of the train transporting the next victims remains vivid for Simovics.

Kenig's final question is not "where was God, but where was man?"

Viewers are also reminded of the Canadian government's infamous policy of barring Jewish refugees from Canada until 1948.

Handel, who once produced features for CBC's The Journal and directed National Film Board documentaries on authors Mordecai Richler and Brian Moore, said the most difficult part of making the documentary was organizing the material.

With CBC news veteran reporter Tom Puchniak, extensive archival research was conducted in Canada and the U.S., including the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and the National Centre for Jewish Film at Brandeis University in Massachusetts.

They were able to "gain control of the material," Handel said, using a computerized reference system to match, for example, an oral reference to the Warsaw ghetto with the appropriate still or footage.

Abella and Silverstone, Handel says, worked "tirelessly" to preserve the project's original terms of reference: to make a document of record while doing justice to the memory and importance of Holocaust victims and survivors, and "to tell their story in a comprehensive way," he said.

Abella is now working on the educational guide that will accompany high school screenings of Voices of Survival, which possibly will be presented in three 20-minute segments to students, Handel said. Private screenings are also being arranged through CJC regional offices.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman proclaimed the production a success because "it portrays the story of survival and rehabilitation, from the horrors of the Holocaust to productive and useful lives in Canada.

"This film is very moving," she said.

European Jewish refugees arrive by train in Winnipeg in 1948, one of the stills seen in Voices of Survival.

Citrus growers warn

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

The country's citrus growers have warned that unless the government allows them to bring in 2,000 foreign workers for the upcoming harvest, their exports could be severely hurt.

About 12,000 workers are needed to harvest the country's 350,000 dunams of citrus fruits, growers said, but under the best of conditions, only 8,000 would be available.

This is because the industry relies almost totally on Palestinian workers from the territories. "We are sorry to say that despite growing unemployment, there are virtually no Jewish workers willing to do this kind of work," an industry spokesman said.

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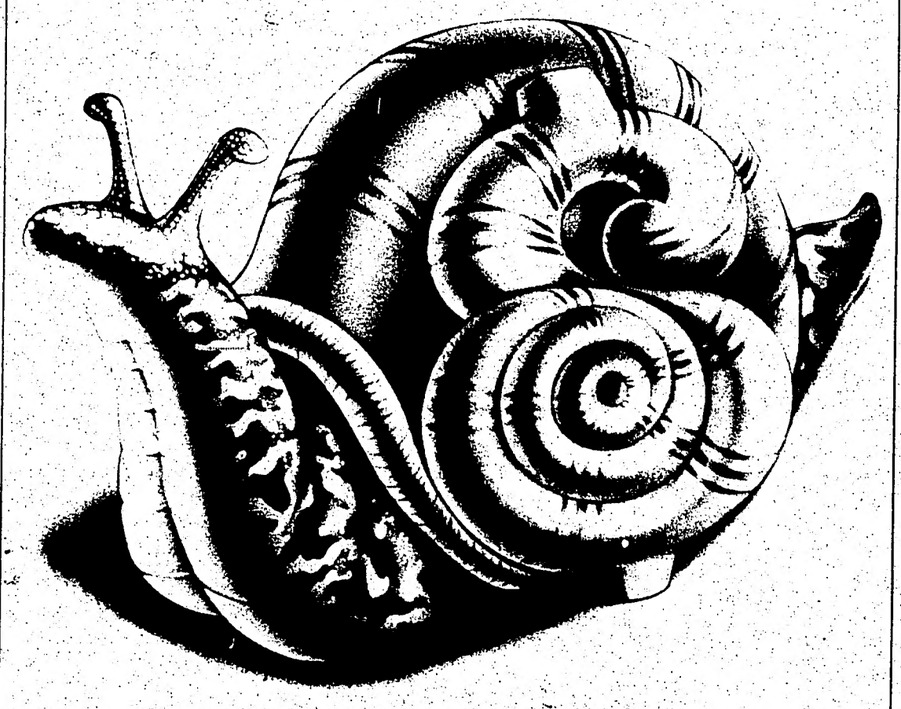

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Many converts are entering the Jewish world. But, the Orthodox question their conversions. Why?

Answer: This is not the first time in Jewish history that we have had an influx of converts. In the days of King Solomon we had a far larger number of converts than any that we know of today. Based on a census figure given in Second Chronicles, Chapter 2:16, there was a sudden influx of 150,000 converts.

Rabbi Burak

But, they all took up the same type of work. They became hewers of stone and porters. What happened to the love that we are supposed to show to a convert? That's what the Talmud wants to know, in Tractate Yevammos, 79a. The employment figures prove that they were not considered genuine converts.

There was something questionable about those conversions. According to Tosfos, Yevammos, 24b, they were self-made converts, for the Talmud states on that very same page that no converts were accepted during the days of David and Solomon. Yet we have a figure of more than 150,000 converts. How could that be? They were self-made.

No Beth Din would convert them, because it was felt that they were coming into the Jewish fold for all the wrong reasons. How about the converts of our times? Are they converting for all the right reasons? Are they prepared to honor the 613 precepts of the Torah? Will they keep the Shabbas, observe the laws of kashruth, and family purity?

In 1947, a lady asked me for an appointment. I met with her, and she wanted me to convert her. When I asked her why she wanted to convert, she replied: "That's not a fair question." She wanted to marry the Jewish man who came with her, and would convert for that purpose. I loaned her my copy of the Goldin-Ganzfried Abridged Code of Jewish Law, and never heard from her again.

Suppose, however, that a would-be convert is not distracted that easily, refuses to give up, and promises complete obedience to all the laws and demands of Judaism. Can you accept that person on the basis of his verbal assurance? The greatest authority of our times, the Gaon Rabbi Moshe Feinstein z.l. gave us a ruling on this matter, in his Iggeros Moshe, Y.D. (1) responsum, 157:

"Even if he says with his mouth that he accepts the mitzvahs; if we know that he isn't accepting them in truth, the conversion is nothing." Reb Moshe gave this ruling 60 years ago in his father's name, and he printed it in 1959, without any change of heart.

Should you think that he was responding to pressure from outside sources, be assured that was not the case. He was simply stating what the law has always been. Many years before that, the greatest rabbinic authority in Galicia in his day, the Gaon Rabbi Isaac Schmelkes z.l. gave an identical ruling in his responsa, Beth Yitzhak, Y.D. volume 2, responsum 100, printed in Lemberg, 1895:

A rabbi asked him what to do about the case of a Jew whose non-Jewish paramour bore him a child. Then, when his wife died, he asked the Beth Din to convert the mother of his child. If they wouldn't do it, he would continue to live with her or get a civil marriage.

In his responsum, the Rav of Lemberg discussed the problem from 13 major aspects. He ruled that when one does not accept all the principal tenets of the Jewish faith, then, though he goes through the conversion process, he is not a convert to Judaism. The words "I do" are not a sufficient answer unless the heart is really in it.

If the convert has no intention to observe the Sabbath in all its details, there is no conversion though he was dunked in the mikvah. As for the possibility of the conversion and marriage with the paramour, the answer was: No.

Major N. American Orthodox body states view

Dispute's civilized resolution urged

NEW YORK — Major American and Canadian Orthodox congregations have called for a "civilized, tolerant and peaceful" resolution to the Who is a Jew dispute.

While acknowledging the "anger and anguish of our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors," a special resolution of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America states: "They have mistakenly been led to believe (the issue) challenges their very legitimacy as Jews.

"The statement that Jews can be disenfranchised is untrue and is untenable according to halacha (Jewish law)."

The resolution, passed recently at the Union's biennial convention, asks non-Orthodox Jews to "appreciate the depth of our concern over how this issue has been widely misunderstood and wildly misconstrued both in Israel and in the Diaspora...An amendment that would, at the most, directly affect half a dozen people a year has been used as an unabashed excuse to denigrate and defame Orthodox Jewry."

The resolution was passed in response to a growing wave of concern expressed in the Diaspora over possible changes in Israel to the Law of Return so as not to recognize as Jews people converted by non-Orthodox rabbis.

A wide number of Jewish organizations, including Toronto Jewish Congress, the United Jewish Appeal, Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services, United Israel Appeal-Canada, the Council of Jewish Federations and others, have called on Israeli politicians to shelve proposals to change the law.

They argue that changes to the law, proposed by Orthodox political parties which hold 18 seats in the 120-seat Israeli Knesset, would deligitimize the vast majority of non-Orthodox Jews since conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis would not be recognized by the Israeli government as valid.

However, the Orthodox Union stated, in its resolution, that "we profoundly believe that halacha is immutable and not defined or changed by parliamentary votes.

"No Orthodox Jew in Israel or the Diaspora has ever suggested that a vote of the Israeli Knesset will change the halachic status of, or bestow or deny Jewish legitimacy to, any individual anywhere in the world."

The Orthodox Union, which counts 1,200 synagogues among its membership, goes on to say it has not taken a position on the legislative efforts to amend the Law of Return, since "questions of Israeli foreign policy, domestic security and religious integrity are the business of the people of Israel."

The resolution cautions against "holding Israel or any segment of Diaspora Jewry hostage to financial pressure."

(Reports indicate some Jews have threatened to redirect their contributions away from community fund raising organizations, which distribute some of the funds to Orthodox causes, as well as attempt to convince the U.S. government to hold back funds for Israel.)

"We have never and will never ask American elected officials, Jew or non-Jew, or the general media to intervene in internal Israeli affairs," the resolution states.

"Threats of blackmail, wholesale defamation and ad hominem attacks against any segment of the North American Jewish community must be viewed as a danger to the very survival of all Jews.

"We urge all segments of the Orthodox community throughout the world to urgently implement a public educational campaign to remove the unfounded fears, myths and hysteria that have so clouded this issue and to lay the foundation for a more universal respect for halacha by all elements of world Jewry while stressing our affection and concern for all Jews and our desire for Jewish harmony."

Among the Ontario congregations represented on the Union's board for Canada are the Beth Jacob Synagogue, B'nai Torah Congregation, Clanton Park Synagogue, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Shomrai Shabos Synagogue, Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation and Adas Israel Synagogue (Hamilton).

Representing Canada on the Union's board is Lawrence Cherniak, as a regional vice-president.

Thousands protest Yeshiva deferments

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Tens of thousands of Israelis demonstrated here last week to urge the conscription of ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students. The demonstrators heard anti-draft-dodging speeches from a podium packed with high-ranking reserve officers of the Israeli Defence Forces.

The main theme was that in a democratic society, rights must be balanced by obligations and it was inconceivable that a group should claim benefits without fulfilling its duties.

Organizers expressed surprise at the large turnout, which Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat (a general in the reserves) put at between 25,000 and 30,000.

The major dailies carried full-page advertisements signed by 150 high-ranking Israel Defence Force reserve officers.

Heading the list was former Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, leader of the right-wing Tsomet Party.

The others included four major-generals as well as scores of brigadier-generals, colonels and lieutenant-colonels.

The signatories apologized to the "hundreds of thousands" of other officers and enlisted ranks who share their disgust at the exemptions, but whose names could not be included in the ad for lack of space.

The advertisement pointed out that when the state was founded in 1948, special arrangements were made to exempt 400 yeshiva students from the draft. Today, more than 19,000 are exempted and the number increases every year.

Recently, a delegation of 38 high-ranking IDF reservists presented a letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir urging him not to form a coalition government with the ultra-Orthodox parties that support exemptions.

They were attacked by the Agudat Yisrael Party newspaper Hamodia for interfering in politics, and by a counter group of observant reservists.

Meanwhile, yeshiva students think they are being unfairly maligned.

Several of them interviewed by Israel Radio contended that "over 18 hours a day studying the Talmud, Gemorrah and other religious tracts is more important to the defence and security of the Jewish state than any army or arms-bearing soldier.

The students maintained that "it's no easy job studying all day and late into the night. It's actually much harder than serving in the army."

Eitan, who may find himself in a coalition government with the ultra-Orthodox parties, is sponsoring a private members' bill in the Knesset to require Israeli Arabs to perform national service.

Arabs have never been permitted to serve in the armed forces. The religious reserve officers told Eitan they support his measure.

Bill would give vote to officials overseas

JERUSALEM — Newly elected Labor Knesset Member Yossi Beilin has fulfilled a promise to his former foreign ministry colleagues by tabling a draft bill that would enable official representatives abroad to vote on election day.

Beilin's proposal would enfranchise some 4,000 emissaries and spouses from the foreign ministry, other government offices, the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Congress, as well as representatives of government companies.

Beilin noted in his proposal that it is inconceivable that a privilege enjoyed by seamen and prisoners should be denied official representatives.

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Mass emigration of prominent Jews expected

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Dozens of prominent Refuseniks, including many adopted by shuls and Jewish groups across Canada, could emigrate shortly, The CJN has learned.

So far, Soviet officials have told almost 50 longtime Refuseniks that their knowledge of state secrets will no longer be used as grounds for barring their emigration, said Genya Intrator, a leading Soviet Jewry activist in Toronto. As many as 70 others were also expected to receive similar notification.

In the past two years, Soviet authorities have always followed such a move with the granting of exit visas within six months, Moscow Refusenik Yuri Cherniak told Intrator in a call made on behalf of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

"Everyone is in a state of shock," said Cherniak, one of the Refuseniks to have his secrecy lifted.

News of the development came amid reports that Jewish emigration continued its steady rise in November with 2,334 Jews emigrating to the West, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

The USSR was also reported to have stopped jamming radio broadcasts from Israel, the United States and Western Europe.

As the CJN went to press, secrecy classifications had been lifted for such leading Refuseniks as Vladimir Kislik, of Moscow, Yuli Kosharovsky, of Moscow, Evgeny Lein, of Leningrad, Vyacheslav Royak, of Bendery, Leonid Shabashov, of Moscow, Alexander Yampolsky, of Leningrad, and Roald Zelichonok, of Leningrad.

Victoria Gorelik-Khassin, of Moscow, had her secrecy lifted several weeks ago, while Mikhail Kremen, of Moscow, and Mark Grauer, of Chernovitz, and their families have already received permission to emigrate.

Classifications are removed

Cherniak told Intrator that the news that many Refuseniks have had their secrecy removed was learned last week when Moscow Refuseniks Esfir Orlov and her husband, both in their 80s, met with Rudolph Kuznetzov, head of All-Union OVIR in Moscow.

When the couple appealed to Kuznetzov to lift their own secrecy classification, he told them it had already been removed, along with 120 others across the USSR.

Orlov later called a number of longtime Refuseniks and confirmed that their secrecy classifications had been removed, Cherniak said.

So far, 24 Refuseniks in Moscow and 23 in Leningrad have been told by Soviet officials that they are no longer classified as possessing state secrets, Intrator reported.

"I think this is, of course, phenomenal," Intrator said of the news. "I share their joy and shock."

However, Intrator, who has been involved in the Jewish and non-Jewish Refusenik movement for 20 years, said she was expecting something like this to happen.

"I felt all along that the Soviet government had to remove this high level noise of accusations of violations of human rights, and I've been watching the removal one by one of the various embarrassing situations."

For example, Soviets have released Baptists and Pentacostal prisoners, almost all Prisoners of Conscience in the Baltic states, and almost all Ukrainian prisoners, she said.

"I feel if Gorbachev wants to get on with perestroika for which he needs the goodwill of the West, the first thing he must remove is the high level noise."

Gorbachev is scheduled to appear on Dec. 11 in New York before the United Nations, and the release of 120 Refuseniks would create a "better negotiating atmosphere," Intrator said.

AIDS to increase to 4,000 in Israel

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

There will be at least 4,000 AIDS patients in Israel by the mid-1990s, Dr. Paul Slater, head of the epidemiology department in the health ministry, predicted at a press conference recently.

To date, there have been 71 AIDS cases in Israel, and 375 of the 6,000 individuals who have had themselves tested have been found to be positive.

But these numbers are deceptive because many potential carriers have not taken the test, and the disease has a long incubation period.

The international standard is that the real number of potential patients is 10 times the number of known carriers or 50 times the number of patients who actually have the disease.

Since, as far as is known, every carrier will ultimately become a patient, that brings the number of future patients to about 4,000.

Former Ratz MK tells Peace Now Friends:

Israel, PLO must eventually talk

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

However the results of the recent Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting in Algiers are interpreted, Israel and the PLO must eventually sit down at the same negotiating table, a former chief education officer of the Israel Defence Force suggested recently.

In a symposium on the Middle East held at Holy Blossom Temple, Mordecai Bar On said that Israel "must realize that the PLO leads the Palestinians, and recognize the Palestinians as a nation."

Bar On, a member of the Knesset for Ratz from 1984-1986, intimated that Israel has to deal with the PLO sooner or later.

Bar On, whose appearance was sponsored by Canadian Friends Of Peace Now, declared that a peace settlement without the Palestinians would "not be worth the paper it's written on." Israel, he said, had the opportunity to create an alternative to the PLO after the Six Day War. But, not having done so, Israel must make peace with the PLO.

Now a faculty member of the Hebrew University's School of International Affairs, Bar On described the wording of the PNC declaration as "vague, very complicated, very cumbersome."

Nevertheless, the PNC meeting was "a step forward." As he put it: "The PLO appeared as a unified force ready to try the peace process. We have a more clearcut enemy than 10, 20 years ago."

In a reference to the PNC's acceptance of the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan, Bar On said it had taken the PLO 40 years to embrace that concept. Now it is incumbent on the PLO to wait for Israel to respond positively to its diplomatic overture, he stated.

Analyzing the results of the ongoing Palestinian uprising, Bar On surmised that it has destroyed the notion that the status quo in the territories can be maintained and that the Palestinian question can be solved through military means.

Bar On, an assistant to Moshe Dayan when he was minister of defence, urged Jewish communities in the Diaspora not to "stifle" opinion that is "legitimate" in Israel. He said it is important for the Israeli government to hear "other voices" abroad.

The second speaker of the evening, Awni Habash, an Israeli Arab academic and lawyer, was a replacement for Ziad Abu Zayyad, editor and publisher of Gesher — the only Palestinian publication in Hebrew.

According to a local Peace Now spokesperson, Zayyad was not permitted by the authorities to leave Israel.

Habash, a sociologist who holds a Hebrew University law degree and teaches at Bethlehem University, which has been closed by the army, spoke mainly of the *intifada*.

Noting that it was a function of frustration with the traditional Palestinian leadership and rejection of Israel's occupation, Habash called the uprising "a real social revolution that can go on for a long time."

Palestinians, he said, feel there is "no way back" from the *intifada* unless it produces tangible gains.

Habash acknowledged that the PNC was "late, maybe" in accepting the principle of partition in historic Palestine. But the PLO, he said, has accepted the "reality of Israel," and the Israeli government "should respond to this, if even cautiously."

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Peace Now activists are seeking to arrange meetings abroad with members of the Palestine National Council, Yuli Tamir, one of the movement's founders said last week. The first meeting is tentatively planned for late January, she said.

The meetings would probably take place in Europe and America. They are just one aspect of the movement's decision to call, for the first time, for direct talks as part of its Talk Peace with the PLO Now campaign, Tamir said.

Peace Now's overture to the PLO is a response to the PNC meeting in Algiers and was supported by a "broad consensus," among the movement's activists, Tamir said.

The plan is to conduct a "continuing dialogue with the PLO" on as many levels as possible, she said.

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Show of solidarity with Israel urged

CZF seminar urges no change in Who's a Jew

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish leaders and representatives from Israel-based institutions appealed to the government of Israel to "refrain from introducing legislation on the Who is a Jew issue" at a stormy resolutions session culminating a Canadian Zionist Federation national leadership seminar.

A resolution to that effect was ratified after at least one half hour of heated and vociferous exchanges among the seminar's participants and only after a phrase warning of a "serious and damaging split between Israel and world Jewry" was dropped.

Seminar chairman Dr. Mark Wainberg's ability to keep decorum was tested as each side presented its case at the gathering at the Ramada Airport Hotel.

In general, supporters expressed the view that the issue so affected Diaspora Jewry that a stand must be taken.

Among the arguments put forward by opponents was that seminar participants had no mandate to pass such a resolution, and that it would only serve to foster disunity among Jews in the face of the seminar's repeated message of discouraging criticism of Israel.

Invited representatives and leadership from CZF, Allied Jewish Community Services, B'nai B'rith Canada, the Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, the Jewish National Fund of Canada, United Israel Appeal of Canada, and Israel-based universities voted on the motion, drafted by Dr. Julius Sokoloff of Toronto.

The resolution was ratified amid the seminar's overall theme to "regain the offensive" regarding Israel's damaged image in the media by initiating countermeasures and reaffirming the need to put on a show of public support for Israel.

Repeatedly, this message was delivered to seminar participants by virtually all of the invited speakers.

And to that end, several resolutions were endorsed by the participants.

Among strategies recommended were that an "inter-organizational" hasbara (information) program be launched under CZF leadership by April, 1989 "to promote a campaign of education about Israel."

The same resolution provided for a "mechanism" for a Jewish community "think-tank" to handle "emergency" situations; and that "adequate" funding would be provided "by community regular fund raising or by a special campaign."

The resolution also expressed the view that The Canadian Jewish News and other Canadian Jewish press should provide space for a weekly column for the hasbara program, and that the program should use "various Jewish media resources across Canada, including radio and TV programs."

Participants also approved a motion calling on The CJN and other Jewish press to "enhance" its Mideast coverage by publishing more documental materials pertaining to the Mideast more regularly.

The other resolutions passed by the assembly called on the CIC to ask the Canadian government to "initiate a process" to rescind the United Nations 1975 Zionism is racism resolution; congratulated Israel on its 40th anniversary and 12th "democratic election;" and called on the CZF to also develop hasbara programs for all Jewish youth.

Despite the contentious resolutions session, seminar coordinator Clara Balinsky expressed satisfaction to The CJN that the seminar "inspired" participants to rally together in a "united stand" supporting Israel.

"It was a free forum," she said. "People said what they had to say," but in the final analysis they agreed by a large consensus that criticizing Israel should be kept within the Jewish community, she said.

Peace Now representatives Mel Shipman of Toronto and Frank Guttman of Montreal were among the rare occasional voices of dissent heard at the seminar.

At a panel discussion on community responses to crises, Toronto Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg echoed the theme of most of the speakers when he stated that Jews have every right to disagree with Israel, "but what we have no right to do is to lobby and pressure in a way that weakens Israel."

Jews must show unity, plan ahead, "learn not to squirm," and "educate our people" as part of an ongoing process, he said.

Co-panelist Jewish community leader Thomas Hecht said the new structuring of CIC in Montreal and Toronto will coalesce a Jewish "united front" and that Jewish organizations must be prepared to yield a little individual "turf" for the sake of survival.

Hecht said the process is in the "advanced program phase," and should include a new community action committee, campus committee, mail campaign, and political liaison and research and education committees.

Earlier, Universite du Quebec a Montreal professor Julien Bauer, Dr. William Bilek, and McGill Jewish studies Prof. Ruth Wisse presented individual perspectives on aspects of the Mideast crisis, agreeing on the thrust of approaches to be taken.

Wisse stressed that Arab "unconditional" recognition of Israel remains the precondition "of anything else. On this we have to remain intransigent and expose the campaign of hatred (against Israel) for what it is."

She also maintained that affirming Jewish national rights superseded the idea of pretending that "we deserve to live because of our morality."

Bilek spoke on the tactics to be undertaken to combat bias and distortion in the media.

Bauer's subject was on the PLO structure and objectives and countering Arab propaganda.

Prof. Haim Shaked, an expert on international relations and the Mideast, delivered the seminar's closing lecture with an analysis of the "strategic equation" concerning Israel in an international, ideological and regional context.

"We must put aside our differences"

No public criticism, envoy pleads

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Israeli ambassador to Canada pleaded with Jewish community leaders not to make public any criticism they may have of Israel because, he said, it will undermine the Jewish state's struggle against its enemies and further erode world public opinion.

"As long as Israel is militarily, politically or economically dependent, then silence, detachment or indifference is culpable, and public condemnation or hostility is unforgivable," Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh said at a national leadership forum on the Middle East, held under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

"We must put aside our differences of opinion and rally around Israel for our common good."

Gur-Arieh invited Canadian Jews to criticize Israeli policy, but to do so only through the Israeli embassy or consulates, or to write letters to the Israeli press.

"How come our Jewish brothers, especially in North America, do not grasp...that condemnation of Israel might make us pay a terrible price. We are dealing with a life and death situation. Those who criticize from far away will not have to pay what we may," Gur-Arieh said.

He emphasized that Israel depends on the solidarity of Diaspora Jewry, particularly the North American community, and is "very disturbed" by any weakening of that traditional bond.

"Do we have to continually explain and convince (North American Jewry) that the main reason for the conflict is not Judea and Samaria, but Arab rejection of Israel's existence?" he asked, adding, "If Jews will not show solidarity with us, how can we expect anyone else to?"

Gur-Arieh also urged Canadian Jews to hold off for the time being on opposition to a proposed amendment to the Law of Return.

In reply to a question on the Who is a Jew issue from Rabbi Larry Kaplan, of Montreal's Reform Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Gur-Arieh said "We take this matter very seriously. But nothing is decided; the new government is not yet formed and the proposed law is not passed. Wait a bit, maybe another kind of coalition will be formed."

The drop-off in tourism from North American Jewry, he said, has caused a "deep sense of loneliness" among Israelis. "When we need you the most with us, you won't even stay with us as a short time as tourists. We need tourism not only for economic reasons, but for our morale."

The only strong dissenting voice in the audience was that of Mel Shipman, of the Canadian Friends of Peace Now, who took exception to the implication that criticism of Israel should be made a test on one's loyalty to the state.

Israel Gur-Arieh

Clara Balinsky, co-chairman of the CZF executive board and coordinator of the forum, set the tone of the meeting when she said, "When Israelis are not satisfied with their government's stand on any issue, they demonstrate in the tens of thousands. The citizens of Israel living there and encountering all kinds of difficulties in their lives are the ones who know best what course to take."

Forum chairman Mark Wainberg also stated, "At no time in our history has it been as apparent as now that communities in the Diaspora must show solidarity with Israel. This does not mean that we cannot be critical of Israel or of certain policies that are formulated by the Israeli government.

"It does mean, however, that we should keep our criticisms to ourselves and that we should attempt to influence the decision-making process, where appropriate, in a quiet, diplomatic way."

Work to rally support for Israel: CIC's Spivak

MONTREAL — Jewish community organizations in Canada must set aside their differences now and work together in mobilizing support for Israel, Canadian-Israel Committee national chairman Sidney Spivak told participants in a recent national leadership seminar on the Middle East, organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Spivak said the community's support for Israel will be tested in the years ahead more than it has been since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

He listed "hard realities" the community will have to come to grips with including:

- The Likud-head government in Israel is likely to be seen as "hard-line, right-wing and intransigent" by the Canadian government.
- The PLO has scored a "propaganda victory" with its Algiers declaration, and will be increasingly perceived as willing to compromise for peace.

The Jewish community must be able to better respond to events in the Middle East than it has over the past decade, he said. "The community must be ready to mobilize more quickly, more frequently and more effectively — and without media attention," he said. Community leaders must be "well informed, be confident and have a sense of direction" in presenting Israel's case.

Sidney Spivak

All this, he emphasized, will be costly.

Spivak said talks among national Jewish organizations have been taking place over the past three months aimed at getting the local communities more involved in pro-Israel activity.

While progress has been slow, he said it is expected that by January "action-oriented" local branches of the CIC will be established in Toronto and Montreal.

The role of the CIC is to be a pro-Israel lobby, he said, promoting Israel's "essential interests" to the government, bureaucracy, media and public opinion in Canada. It is "not to applaud or second guess or scrutinize what the Israel government does...We may not agree with every policy of the Israeli government, but it is not our function to criticize. That is the function of Israelis."

Acknowleging that there are "significant numbers" of Canadian Jews who disagree with Israeli policy, he said the CIC can only represent the consensus of opinion among Canadian Jews about Israel, not the views of everyone in the community.

The mandate of the proposed new local CICs will be to educate and train community leaders on the issues, to mobilize the grassroots, and to respond to the media.

The community must also devote more effort to bringing Israel's case to the public at large, he said.

Spivak, a former Manitoba cabinet minister and opposition leader, urged Jews to get involved in the political process at all levels and in all parties.

"Politicians will remember those who helped them during their campaigns," he said.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

This week's Torah sedra Mikketz describes Joseph's saving of Egypt from natural disaster while bringing its people under Pharaoh's complete control. Recalled is the career of history's first court Jew.

Joseph sat in prison, the victim of the machinations of his employer's frustrated wife. His administrative ability was recognized by the warden, who put him in charge of the prison's operation. He also proved an uncanny intuitive ability in accurately foretelling the future of two temporarily deposed court functionaries, based on their dreams. The restored functionary recommended Joseph somewhat deprecatingly to the ruler of Egypt after all the latter's advisors, astrologers, and magicians proved unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for a series of troubling dreams.

The seven thin cows that swallow seven fat cows and the seven blasted ears of corn that swallow the seven juicy ones foretell a 7-year period of intense famine that will completely consume the bounty of a preceding 7-year period of plenty, Joseph told the Pharaoh. Where the others have failed, he attributed his insight to God. Joseph provided more than an accurate interpretation and prediction. He offered an administrative solution to the problem: the establishment of a cross-country collection system, in which excess grain and produce of the seven bountiful years would be stored for sale and distribution during the prolonged famine. A much impressed Pharaoh had no hesitation in putting Joseph, 30 years of age, in complete charge of such a network.

Era of plenty

With the onset of the era of plenty, Joseph travelled the country building and filling storehouses. Local legend also credits him with the excavation of a gigantic water reservoir at el-Fayum, some 60 miles southwest of Memphis. Zecharia Sitchin pointed out in the New York Times in January, 1988, that the name comes from *alf yum*, which in Arabic means 1,000 days, the time it took Joseph to complete the project. Sitchin also said that the canal that linked the artificial lake with the Nile still exists, and is called Bahr Yousef, the seawaterway of Joseph.

Pharaoh appointed him chief national administrator, the *abrech* ("father" of the King, according to commentator Rashi). Pharaoh gives Joseph his signet ring with which to stamp such tax and administrative decrees as he sees fit, and places him in charge of his personal estates. The Hebrew former slave and convict is propelled to the pinnacle of power, second only to the king. The titles he would have borne include: the Great Steward of the Lord of the Two Lands, the Great Chief in the Palace, Chief of the Entire Land, and Royal Seal Bearer. Pharaoh conferred an instant nobility on Joseph — and cemented court-clergy relations — by marrying him to the daughter of the high priest of On.

The onset of the famine soon brought the populace to the granary doors. The collection administration was turned into a widespread disbursement bureaucracy. Jewish tradition holds that many came to sell their possessions and property for sustenance, or indentured themselves to Pharaoh. Population exchanges were effected to minimize the chances of rebellion. Land was now leased from the royal court. Any participants in intrigues against Pharaoh were held in check by their basic needs. The powerful clergy was granted privileges, but now in subservience to the throne.

The famine apparently struck well beyond Egypt's borders, and brought many foreigners desperate to buy food, as exemplified by Joseph's brothers. All were accommodated from the ample storehouses, heavily fortified at the frontier to preclude raids or invasions. The country that often sent armies to control its neighbors now had them dropping in their laps. Thanks to Joseph, the famine that could have otherwise destroyed Egypt made it the supreme power in and benefactor of the Middle East.

Like future high administrators in the courts of Babylon, Spain, France, Germany, and Russia, Joseph was soon forgotten in the official records of his adopted country. As was also to happen, the country's Jews suffered a heavy backlash of resentment.

New security advisor backed AWACS sale to Saudis

Scowcroft Mideast stance unclear

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Brent Scowcroft, whom President-elect George Bush has appointed as his national security advisor, does not have an extensive public record on the Middle East.

Scowcroft, who will be returning to the position he held in the last two years of the Ford administration, is better known for his expertise on arms control and the Soviet Union.

Officials involved in pro-Israel causes say privately that while he is not anti-Israel, he might lean more toward the Arab countries. In 1981, he was one of 18 former top-ranking government officials who publicly supported the sale of AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia.

Scowcroft, who now works for Kissinger Associates, the consulting firm headed by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, has been a consultant for businesses dealing with the Arab world, particularly Saudi Arabia.

However, as in the case of Secretary of State-designate James Baker, who also does not have a well known record on Israel, pro-Israeli sources are crossing their fingers that Scowcroft will abide by Bush's stated intention of continuing the Reagan administration's strategic alliance with Israel.

Bush's appointment of the 63-year-old retired air force lieutenant-general was expected and was touted even before Bush's election.

"Brent is a trusted friend and he understands the White House, he understands the military, the state department (and enjoys) the respect of many of our nation's leaders on both sides of the aisle," Bush said. "He also has earned the respect of world leaders around the globe."

In another development, William Brown has been named the U.S. ambassador to Israel by President Reagan, and is expected to stay on during the administration of President-elect Bush.

Brown is one of 32 appointments, including five ambassadors, made by Reagan under his powers to act during a congressional recess. Brown does not need to be confirmed until after Bush takes office Jan. 20.

The current ambassador, Thomas Pickering, has been at that post since Aug. 1, 1985, and is the senior member of the state department's foreign service.

Brown, the U.S. ambassador to Thailand, was second in command at the embassy in Tel Aviv under Pickering's predecessor, Samuel Lewis.

Quayle is skeptical

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle conferred with a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in Washington recently for a get-aquainted visit and an exchange of views on current developments in the Middle East.

The meeting took place in the Bush-Quayle transition office in Washington.

Morris B. Abram, chairman of the Presidents Conference and leader of the delegation, said the vice-president-elect had indicated skepticism about the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers and had described PLO statements supposedly recognizing Israel and abjuring terrorism as entirely insufficient.

The Indiana senator recognized the PLO's failure in Algiers to come to terms with the reality of Israel, Abram said. Quayle also said he regarded any comparisons of the Palestinian intifada on the West Bank and Gaza with the civil rights struggle in the United States or the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa as "entirely inappropriate," according to Abram.

Quayle was particularly concerned about the danger of chemical warfare, which he noted had been introduced into the Middle East by Iraq during its war with Iran, Abram said. The introduction of poison gas by the regime in Baghdad was an ominous development that carried with it dangerous portents not only for the Middle East but for international conflicts everywhere, the vice-president-elect told the group.

Quayle also told the delegation that he was fully committed to the U.S.-Israeli strategic alliance, that he strongly supported United States efforts to win reversal of the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, and that he hoped to emulate Vice-President George Bush's role in American efforts to rescue Ethiopian Jews.

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More unrealism

There is a doctrine in politics known as creative ambiguity. The doctrine was exemplified in UN Resolution 242 where the withdrawal of Israel forces hung on the meaning of the definite article "the" (as in the territories) and in the Camp David Accords where the future autonomy of the Palestinians was hedged about with imprecise terminology.

The creative ambiguity in formulating legal documents is often helpful in removing the logjams that can impede negotiations on difficult bilateral or multilateral issues. The UN resolution in question as well as the Camp David Accords were responses to those precise problems.

The recent proclamation of the Palestine National Council in Algiers, which we described in a previous editorial as a faint ray of hopeful light, appears to be dimming by the moment as the full text of the PNC's document becomes available. It is being further obscured by the balletic gyrations of Yasser Arafat who has refused to state that the PNC has acknowledged Israel's right to exist, even implicitly.

The notion that a new day is at hand is further diminished by the destructive ambiguity which animates the Palestinians' text and the clarity which informs its belligerence.

Far from promoting reconciliation, or as Arafat is wont to say, the olive branch, the PNC proclamation advocates the intensifying of the intifada, the strengthening of attack groups, and, the calling for an increased popular and media support for the uprising.

The proclamation of statehood, embedded in references to UN resolutions, some of which are hostile to Israel, refers to an international conference as a legitimizing agency while condemning a variety of Israel's sins. The PNC's much touted repudiation of terrorism did not include a revocation of the infamous PLO charter which urges a nullification the Jewish state through a phased approach. It should also be observed that the PNC document said nothing about violence against innocent civilians.

There are two other disappointing aspects of the PNC proclamation. One revolves around the interlocutor addressed by the Palestinians — the United States, not Israel, — another example of the unrealism of the Palestinians. The other disappointment pivots around the Palestinians' readiness now to accept the partition principle first proposed in 1947 under Resolution 181.

As William Safire observed recently: "This is the moment that the PLO chose to accept a partition plan 40 years and five wars too late; at this rate it will adopt the Camp David Accords in 2028."

Lack of restraint

The recent federal campaign was marked by a vehemence of debate which was unprecedented in Canadian political life. It has been said that criticism, in order to be effective, has to hurt. In this election, however, inter-party criticism went beyond the boundaries of decency.

Television pictures of a bloodied heckler, partisan rallies interrupted by pushing and shoving, stolen or destroyed election signs, television commercials questioning the loyalty and patriotism of candidates — these are but a few of the unsettling images which remain in our minds after the elections.

Even more disquieting was the hurling of abusive language — drawn not from the vocabulary of supposedly educated men, but rather from the jargon of the street people.

Traitor, liar, scumbag, power-hungry rat, flies — these are but a few of the choice nouns (we choose not to reproduce more of this unfortunate vocabulary) which figured in the heated exchanges which characterized too much of the debate among candidates in this election. The discussion of the issues was far too often obscured by personal attacks on the integrity of candidates.

It is unfortunate that the rules of Parliament, which carefully restrict and regulate the language used by MPs, do not apply to federal election campaigns. Those rules are designed to assure the orderly functioning of the democratic process. Why shouldn't the level of discourse maintained there be utilized in the political process which brings members to that Parliament?

We believe the issue to be a serious one. Lack of restraint in language can indicate a potential for violence. The nastiness in this past election campaign, expressed both in dirty tactics and dirty language, was symptomatic of a general decline in the political mores of Canada.

We hope that the decline is a temporary one.

Explicit recognition lacking

PNC didn't go far enough

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat addresses the Palestine National Council. [RNS photo]

"Israel is not an implicit state. You either recognize it or you don't." — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

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It was all a question of perception.

Was it a prime time public relations event or a considerable diplomatic achievement?

Last month's meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers, billed by the PLO as a historic occasion, contained elements of both.

Initial reports indicated that the PLO had finally recognized Israel, its arch enemy. But as further information poured in, analysts were not as sure.

PLO representatives described the acceptance by the PNC of United Nations Resolution 242 and the proclamation of a borderless Palestinian state as a watershed in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman who presided over the meeting, declared: "The Palestinian state is a state yearning for peace, and committed to the principle of peaceful coexistence. It will cooperate with all states and peoples of the world to establish a durable peace based on justice and respect..."

Bassam Abu Shariff, the PLO's chief spokesman, said later that the PLO was prepared "to sit down right now" with the Israelis and negotiate if Israel withdrew from the territories and they were placed under United Nations trusteeship.

Israel dismissed the Algiers declaration with scorn and contempt, claiming it was nothing but a charade and, as Peres put it, "a camouflage" for its real intentions.

The truth, as so often is the case, lies somewhere between these polar opposites.

PLO willing to negotiate "right now"

The PLO went to Algiers mindful that the Palestinian uprising in the territories, which has been going on for one year now, should be exploited for political capital. Recognizing that the *intifada* was an opportunity to advance the Palestinians' program in the face of vigorous Israeli counter measures, the PLO seemed determined to break new ground.

The PLO, too, had come under pressure from the Soviet Union, as well as Egypt and Jordan, to comply with Resolution 242 — which calls for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories, a "just and lasting peace," and the acknowledgement that every state in the region has the right to sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.

Until Algiers, the PLO had been unwilling to accept Resolution 242 (or accompanying Resolution 338) unequivocably because they referred to the Palestinian problem in humanitarian rather than national terms.

In the months leading up to the PNC meeting, the PLO sent out conciliatory signals designed to soften its image. In June, Bassam Abu Sharif — a former rejectionist who once spoke of Israel's destruction — wrote eloquently of the need for Israel and the PLO to come to terms with each other's existence. On the eve of the Jewish New Year, Arafat wished Israelis a happy Rosh Hashanah. A week before Israel's Nov. 1 general election, the PLO urged Israelis to vote for peace-loving parties.

It seemed as if the PLO — which has been riven by serious internal disputes in the past five years — might actually come up with a flexible new program that might force Israel to respond positively and convince the U.S., Israel's chief ally and only patron, to negotiate with Arafat and company.

But, judging by the documents emanating from Algiers, this was not to be.

There is no doubt that acceptance by the PNC of Resolutions 242 and 338 is a step in the right direction. These particular resolutions, after all, have been the cornerstones of every serious peace initiative — American, Soviet, Arab and Israeli — since the 1967 Six Day War. In Algiers, the PLO, which had started out as an organization dedicated to eradicating the Jewish state by military means, recognized Israel implicitly and put everyone on notice that it is ready to negotiate with Israel within the context of an international peace conference.

However, in reply to questions, Arafat refused to state openly his recognition of Israel. And he accepted 242 and 338 in conjunction with other UN resolutions pertaining to the Palestinians — which immediately created grave and seemingly insurmountable problems as far as Israel and the U.S. were concerned. These resolutions (which embrace the 1947 Palestine partition plan that the PLO had previously termed "entirely illegal" and that Israel now rejects as outdated) call for the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their original homeland. They equate Zionism with racism and call for sanctions and severance of all ties with Israel.

In Algiers, there were two important omissions which Israel seized upon as an example of PLO "double talk." The PNC let stand its revised 1968 National Covenant, which nullifies Israel's existence as a Jewish-Zionist state, and rejected terrorism without disavowing its commitment to the 1985 Cairo Declaration, which allows for terrorist acts in Israel and the territories. (As the PNC got down to business in Algiers, Israeli troops wounded and captured three Palestinian guerrillas inside Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon. They were members of Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and they were on their way to the Galilee.)

It may be asked why Arafat chose to be ambiguous rather than decisive. Arafat, the master of consensus politics, did not feel strong enough to adopt a crystal clear, unequivocable position. Although Arafat is widely regarded as "the father" of the Palestinian cause, he has more than enough enemies and felt it was necessary to satisfy such immoderate rivals as Hawatmeh and George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Internal unity has always been regarded with the utmost importance by Arafat, and in Algiers, Arafat was determined to preserve it at all cost.

Arafat maintains that infighting will weaken the PLO, leave it open to further manipulation by Syria, play into Israel's hands and demoralize the Palestinians of the territories.

Certainly, Arafat is no Anwar Sadat. Unlike the late Sadat, who made peace with Israel despite domestic opposition, Arafat is at the mercy of outside forces which he obviously cannot control.

Despite these very real constraints, he managed to push the PLO forward toward *explicit* recognition of Israel, an arduous, time-consuming process which may well be preceded by further regional crises and another war before it culminates in Israeli-PLO negotiations.

Represents significant change

Be that as it may, it is important to understand that Arafat's acceptance of Resolutions 242 and 338, scorned as it is by the current Israeli government, represents a significant change in the PLO. Almost up till the mid-1970s, the PLO totally rejected Israel and relied on its military option. There was no room for compromise in the PLO's vision of a secular, democratic state in Palestine: Israel, the "Zionist entity," had to be destroyed. Then, in 1974, the PLO declared its willingness to accept a West Bank-Gaza Strip state alongside Israel.

The Israeli government is suspicious of that formula, claiming it is a blueprint for the phased dismantlement of Israel. But time does not stand still, and the PLO seems to have reached the belated realization that the partition of historic Palestine (a West Bank-Gaza Strip Palestinian state, federated, perhaps, with Jordan) is the only realistic solution.

It still remains uncertain why the PLO did not announce its acceptance of Resolution 242 prior to the Israeli election. If it had done so, the Labor Party, which is relatively flexible, may have had a better chance of winning more seats, and forming a government.

It may be that the events in Algiers were directed primarily at the U.S. and Western Europe. As Arafat put it: "Our political statement contains moderation, flexibility and realism, which the West has been urging us to show. The ball is now in the American court."

But, judging by the lukewarm reaction of these parties, Arafat has some way to go before he can satisfy their demands and induce Israel to consider the PLO a negotiating partner.

Opinion

Jews and Arabs join in

Hope perceived in Na'amat Walk for Peace, Security

By
LOUISE CORNBLUM

Louise Cornblum is seen on the "Na'amat March for Peace & Security." With her are two Arab members of Na'amat. One is wearing the badge of a Na'amat executive member. Cornblum wears a hat which says Na'amat in Hebrew.

TORONTO —

A short time ago, my husband, Murray and I walked into what I hope will be Israel's future — thousands of Arabs and Jews moving together to express a unity of purpose and mutual support. The occasion was the Na'amat "Walk for Peace and Security" which attracted 10,000 marchers — Jewish and Arab members of Na'amat with their families.

No one had told us that we were joining a march of 8 kilometres, through Jewish settlements and Arab villages — ending in a devastating 2-kilometre trek straight uphill in the town of Upper Nazareth. We had expected to be observers rather than participants, and were totally unprepared as we joined the thousands who carried knapsacks of refreshments and all of the necessities for a day of physical slogging in the open — and who had all dressed appropriately for hot weather marching.

All, that is, except the Arab women. To them, this was an activity of solemn importance and they had dressed for the occasion. As they walked through the JNF forest in which we began our trek, the Arab ladies braved sand and loose stones while wearing high-heeled white pumps and elaborate robes. Many carried little children or pulled them along by the hand — or both. Some were in advanced stages of pregnancy and it was a very hard walk.

But all who walked displayed an incredible fervor of dedication to Na'amat. Whole classes from Na'amat schools, led by their teachers, marched, singing, past us. Many carried signs giving congratulations to Na'amat and most wore Na'amat T-shirts and sun hats. Fathers carried toddlers on their shoulders the whole way. There was a sense of excitement . . . of sharing in a major event.

As we entered the town of Nazareth to begin a picturesque but uninviting upward climb, a car came hurtling at unsafe speed through the crowds. At the wheel, its Arab driver was shouting in Hebrew, "Rabin, murderer!" It was the only low note in the day.

The way upward became more and more difficult and it became apparent to our Na'amat guide, Aviva Brodstein, that these two soft Canadians were never going to make it. In desperation, she hailed a passing car and requested a lift to the park which was our destination.

It wasn't until the car left the flag-marked route, heading away from the crowd, and Aviva began to protest in a frightened voice, that I realized that the three of us were in a car with two Arabs who were possibly running away with us. For a moment, we begn to panic — but we could not have been more wrong. They were only taking a short cut and, in a minute, we were within sight of our goal and the other marchers.

As we stepped from the car, the warm smiles of the two Arabs made us feel extremely foolish. Murray, unwilling to take advantage, offered the driver a 10-shekel note. (After all, he had practically saved our lives. One more block uphill and we would both have collapsed.)

The Arab waved the money away, saying, with passion, that we could not deprive him of his opportunity to do something for the people of Na'amat.

We were soon to see why he felt as he did.

We entered the park where the festivities were beginning. It was in the shape of a natural amphitheatre and there was ample room for the 10,000 participants along with the sellers of souvenirs and refreshments.

Thousands of people settled in under the trees to watch the festivities. And, among them, sat hundreds of Arab women in full Arab costume — all members of Na'amat. Many wore badges that indicated their status as organizers and leaders.

On the stage, all day long, teen-agers from the 65 Na'amat community centres across Israel performed gymnastics or Israeli dances. The dancers, boys and girls, were beautifully costumed and well-rehearsed and they were a delight to watch.

But the marvels, to me, were the Arab girls. There they were, on a stage, wearing shorts — and dancing where men could see them!

In badly-made costumes, ineptly performing dances or doing clumsy gymnastic routines with hula hoops, still they made me stare with wonder. A short time ago, such a display would have been impossible.

Between the dances, there were speeches — both by prominent politicians and local wellwishers. Minister of Defence Yitzhak Rabin spoke to us of peace between Arab and Jew. Masha Lubelsky, the secretary-general of Na'amat, leader of our 850,000 members in 14 countries, spoke of the importance of peace and security to the two peoples living together in the Galilee.

But, to me, the most interesting of all was the Bedouin muchtar (an Arab title) who told us first hat for an Arab man to demean himself even to alk to women, let alone pay homage to them, was very hard, but it was something that he felt he must do. He then thanked Na'amat for its wonderful work of caring for Arab children, teaching Arab wives, trying to upgrade their standard of living.

He referred to the 43 clubs which Na'amat provides in Arab and Druze communities to help their women and daughters.

He spoke in Hebrew, and as my interpreter explained the words to me, I felt a sense of exhilaration.

In this time of uncertainty about Israel's future, as Arab and Jew mistrust each other, arguing over the shape of Israel's future, still I saw hope.

If so many Arabs and Jews, with their families, could come together on this great march, in a spirit of friendship and sharing, then it must be possible, in time, to bridge our major differences and find common ground.

Montreal school program won't work

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal has undertaken a "Jewish education program" at its Royal Vale School — creating an issue of deep concern to many members of the Montreal Jewish community (CJN Oct. 13).

Will the school board's system attract students away from the regular Jewish education systems, and will the Protestant board (which serves the non-Catholic portions of the general community) be able to live up to its claim that it will teach "Jewish identification?"

STANLEY K. PLOTNICK, president of the Jewish Education Council of Montreal does not think so, and these are his comments on the Royal Vale School program.

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I am particularly interested in stated attempts at Jewish education at Royal Vale, a school which is commonly referred to as the "alternative school." I am not clear as to what it is an alternative to, but I am certain it is not an alternative to Jewish day school education. Perhaps it is an alternative to other PSBGM schools, or private non-Jewish day schools, but in no way, to any Jewish day school.

Unquestionably the stated goals of Royal Vale School, pertaining to providing a Jewish education, are most admirable in trying to impart to Jewish children:

"A knowledge of and sentimental attachment to Jewish traditions, customs, and ceremonies, familiarity in the synagogue and prayer; familiarization and basic knowledge of the Hebrew language; a knowledge of Israel and a fostering of a sense of pride and belonging in being Jewish and forming a part of the Jewish people. In short, teaching Jewish identification. . . ."

It is difficult to question the goal, but, in my perception, it is certainly, in **two hours per week**, a "mission impossible." Providing a "basic knowledge of the Hebrew language" would be challenging enough in two hours per week let alone achieving all, or even any, of the other objectives. The Jewish day schools devote approximately 12 hours per week in trying to achieve these objectives. It would be indeed remarkable if these could be accomplished by any other school in just 15-20% of the time.

Furthermore, it seems unlikely, if not impossible, that "traditions, customs and ceremonies; familiarity in the synagogue and prayer . . ." could be taught in a basically non-Jewish environment, an environment which is defined as "Protestant" and where Christmas is "proudly" observed.

It is commonly agreed that environment is a very important ingredient in teaching customs and traditions and "a sense of pride and belonging." This type of heritage education, more than virtually all other disciplines, requires, in addition to subject matter, an environment which is conducive to the culture and religion being taught — an environment that contributes passion, commitment, conviction, modeling and experiencing to the curriculum.

I contend that the Judaica program at Royal Vale is not only a watered down version of that offered in the Jewish day school system, but in fact, is not even a reasonable attempt to fulfil the stated goals.

I accept the possible need for an English elementary neighborhood school in Cote St. Luc. Furthermore, I have no disagreement with the objective of offering "enriched science and mathematics instruction, French immersion and better physical education." These are worthwhile, though not simple to achieve, objectives, particularly considering that they must be achieved in approximately 30 hours per week and within the structure of a French immersion program. Challenging, but achievable!

But to let parents believe that Royal Vale can in any way provide even a semblance of a satisfactory Jewish education is a misrepresentation of reality. It cannot be done, in the time allotted to it by Royal Vale, with the staffing available, nor in the environment provided.

Royal Vale is no alternative to a Jewish day school!

Seems like everybody wants you to solve their problems

By
MAXINE FISCHBEIN

EDMONTON —

I must have it stamped on my forehead. Either that, or my dazed look, which to those in the know is a symptom of advanced boredom, must signify to others rapt attention and interest.

Whatever it is, I constantly find myself at the mercy of casual acquaintances or even total strangers who, having exhausted the miracles of modern medicine, psychology and religion, turn to me; an unqualified non-practitioner, to diagnose and heal them and theirs.

They are everywhere, too! At my bus stop, in the grocery aisles, at the neighborhood movie theatre, on planes, and in the waiting rooms of the very trained professionals who have, somehow, let them down.

At the bus stop they usually start with an insipid comment about the weather. Once they have determined that it is, in fact, cold, hot, or windy enough for me that day, they get right to the crux of the matter.

Yesterday's treat consisted of a colorfully explicit description of symptoms which, to a medical neophyte like me, sounded something like endometriosis. I know the symptoms. I read Time Magazine.

But it is, nonetheless, difficult to digest a stranger's uterine complaints a mere 5 minute after bolting down the morning's ration of bagels and instant coffee.

Still, I can't help it — my parents raised me well — I nod sympathetically, murmur soothing comments, and get off the bus some 20 stops ahead of my destination.

Planes, of course, are much worse. On a direct flight to Toronto, for example, one cannot bail out over Winnipeg without a better excuse than "the guy in 11B thinks that he has finally found Jesus and is trying to arrange a blind date for me." I am stuck with Plan B . . . polite thanks for the spiritual experience and a mad search for those ridiculously uncomfortable stereo headsets that tune me in to this month's in-flight movie selection.

Supermarkets are nearly as dangerous as airplanes, although episodes there are thankfully shorter in duration. Still, food floors are veritable minefields for innocent shoppers like me who seek junk food rather than lengthy dissertations from fellow shoppers on a wide variety of medical and lifestyle issues.

I have finally learned, for example, that one should never loiter near the aisles where disposable diapers are stocked. I inevitably run headlong into a former schoolmate or a friend of a cousin's friend who has recently experienced the unprecedented miracle of reproduction. She (sometimes he) will describe in graphic detail the difference between baby's first excretion (not unpleasant, I am informed), and her most recent one which is somewhat exotic in color, aroma and consistency.

The proud parent invites me to speculate on the meaning of the cosmic mystery. I plead either ignorance or childlessness as I hastily plan my retreat.

Those suffering from unrequired love spill their sad, but predictable stories in movie lineups and on Greyhound buses. Those wishing to advertise and/or seek free counselling regarding their partners' psychological hangups unburden themselves within earshot of two acquaintances and four total strangers at the typical cocktail party.

I am the first to admit that there should be a limit to all this. I took assertiveness training, after all! Yet, I am far too superstitious to deprive the hormonally, spiritually, socially and physically troubled talkers from their cathartic outpourings.

It is, you see, remotely possible that some day I might, just momentarily, lose my ability to cope with all the pressures of modern life. As I wander blindly through the streets and the shopping malls of the city in paroxysms of despair, I will want the security of believing that some omniscient stranger will be there to listen to me.

Opinion

Bridging suspicion, hostility . . .

Givat Haviva Institute—the "best kept secret" in Israel

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Givat Haviva campus.

TORONTO —

Half way between Tel Aviv and Haifa, in the lush Sharon Valley, lies an institution that Israeli President Chaim Herzog has ruefully called "the best kept secret in Israel."

The Givat Haviva Institute, one of Israel's foremost centres of education, research and training, is located in a fairly remote area popularly known as the Little Triangle.

And that's no accident, said Stanley Ringler, Givat Haviva's director of Diaspora relations and programming.

Adjacent to the old Jordanian border, the Little Triangle is home to one of the highest concentrations of Moslem Arabs in Israel. "Givat Haviva is there as a political statement," he explained.

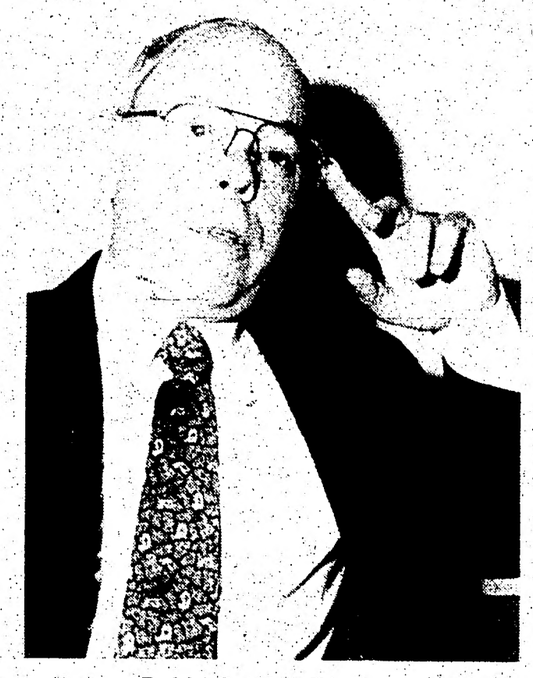
Founded in 1949 in memory of Haviva Reik, a young kibbutznik killed in Europe on a mission to organize Jewish anti-Nazi resistance fighters, Givat Haviva arranges encounter groups, as well as courses and seminars, on critical issues facing Israel and the Jewish people.

Every year about 30,000 students, ranging from city dwellers, kibbutzniks and foreigners, converge on Givat Haviva to study Arab-Jewish relations, Arabic and Hebrew, Israeli and Middle Eastern history, Zionism, Judaism, the Holocaust and Israel-Diaspora relations.

Probably best known for its Jewish-Arab Institute, Givat Haviva is particularly proud of its work in furthering Arab-Jewish understanding.

"There's a great physical distance between the two peoples, although they live in a small land together and share common citizenship," said Ringler, an American Reform rabbi who was associated with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations before he immigrated to Israel 2½ years ago. "Historically, by mutual desire, Jews and Arabs have lived apart, except in mixed towns like Haifa and Ramle. There's a great deal of ignorance out there and stereotypes and generalizations often pass for the truth. Healthy relationships can't thrive in this atmosphere."

At Givat Haviva, he said, an attempt is made "to bridge the distance and to minimize the suspicion and hostility."



Rabbi Stanley Ringler

Ringler feels passionately about it. "These divisions, this enmity, can be threatening to Israel's stability. We've already seen the danger signals — the rise of extremism in both communities, the racism, the political polarization."

Givat Haviva has won widespread recognition for its children-teaching-children program, whereby Arab and Jewish students are paired off in Arabic and Hebrew language classes. Twenty four schools throughout the country are involved, but Ringler is hopeful that many more will join in.

Arab-Jewish encounter groups, designed for high school students and adults, are intensive and emotionally charged sessions which "begin with ignorance and end with a high degree of understanding, though not necessarily agreement," Ringler said.

He added: "Ninety nine percent of the participants haven't had the opportunity to sit down with Arabs or Jews and relate to them as human beings. It's a truly eye-opening experience, a truly dramatic encounter."

Givat Haviva's year-long Arabic language and culture ulpan program, whereby Jewish students are "adopted" by local Arab families, also contributes to Arab-Jewish amity.

To Ringler's delight, the Palestinian uprising in the territories has not affected Givat Haviva adversely. "We anticipated a significant drop in demand for our services after the *intifada*. Instead, we've gotten hundreds of calls from Arab and Jewish teachers who've praised our work."

Givat Haviva's courses on the Holocaust reinforce the values that enabled Jews in the ghettos, concentration camps and partisan units to resist the Nazis.

"We've just published the first anthology of Holocaust literature in Arabic, with a preface by Yitzhak Navon (the former president of Israel)," he said. "Next year, we'll offer seminar programs for Arab teachers on how to use this text.

Asked why Givat Haviva went to such lengths, Ringler replied: "In order for Arabs truly to understand the Jewish concern for survival and security, they have to understand the Holocaust. Arabs have a superficial knowledge of this trauma. They don't really know, in an existential way, how profound an experience it was."

Catering to a wide variety of interests, Givat Haviva offers a program in Judaism to non-Jews planning to convert and marry Jews. "It's the only course of its kind aside from the one given by the Chief Rabbinate," Ringler said. On average, from 40 to 50 Christians take it every year.

Seminars and workshops for secular Israelis who want to probe the intricacies of pluralistic Judaism are held regularly.

Ringler is concerned that religious divisions are deepening in Israel. "If not for the Arab-Israeli conflict, this would be Israel's central problem." He's not sanguine. "It'll get worse before it gets better." He said it is important for secular Israelis "to be educated in the rich values of our Jewish tradition. It's not as static and reactionary as reflected by certain Orthodox Jews. We're having an impact on expanding this kind of consciousness. As H.G. Wells said: 'Human history is more and more a race between education and catastrophe.' "

Like all its other courses, Givat's Haviva's curriculum on Jewish-Diaspora relations is nothing if not topical.

"The relationship has come under strain as a result of the Who is a Jew issue, the status of the territories, the settlements there, the war in Lebanon and the notion of a free economy," he said.

"What the Diaspora doesn't understand is that Israel hasn't decided what kind of a country it wants to be. The visions of the right and the left are contradictory. The case is far from resolved."

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Being the educational centre of the Kibbutz Artzi Federation-Hashomer Hatzair, Givat Haviva is funded in the main by that left-wing movement. The ministry of education chips in with a subsidy of approximately $100,000 and Diaspora Jews donate about $300,000. Recently, the Ford Foundation weighed in with a $140,000 grant.

Givat Haviva's 1987 budget was $2.5 million U.S. — " a drop in the ocean in terms of what's actually needed," Ringler said.

But he's counting his blessings: While kibbutz budgets were slashed by 22% last year, Givat Haviva's allocation remained at the same level.

The respect that Givat Haviva has earned over the years obviously has not been in vain.

"Wasted opportunity"

PLO repackaged itself in Algiers

The Canada-Israel Committee has issued the following backgrounder on the PLO's "declaration of statehood."

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The meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers produced two documents: a declaration of Palestinian statehood and a detailed political program for the PLO. Some foreign observers believe that the PLO's decisions imply acceptance of Israel and a moderation of the PLO's goals. Neither conclusion is sustainable on the basis of the facts. It appears, rather, that the PLO has sought to repackage itself and its aims in terms more palatable to Western observers.

- The PLO did not recognize Israel's right to exist, nor did it offer peace and security to Israel. Moreover, in a press conference, Yasser Arafat refused to affirm that the PLO had effectively recognized Israel, and would not admit unqualified acceptance of UN Resolutions 242 and 338.
- Part of the PNC's new political program demands an international peace conference. It was in this context, that the PNC referred, for the first time, to Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for such a meeting, providing that they are coupled with all other UN resolutions, and that they are linked to an explicit acceptance of Palestinian rights to self-determination and statehood.

Many UN resolutions call for Israel's international isolation, some call for an imposed settlement on terms that would effectively dismember Israel, and one brands Zionism a racist ideology.

In fact, then, the PLO has qualified the application and acceptance of these two crucial resolutions in a way that renders the mention of them meaningless. While the PNC's willingness to mention Resolutions 242 and 338 may be a positive step, this cannot be seen as offering recognition to Israel.

- **The PNC's declaration of an independent state can not be construed as implying recognition of Israel. The reference to UN Resolution 181 of 1947 within the context of all other resolutions relating to the Palestinian problem, is a repetition of the PLO's demand for Palestinian self-determination, but not a recognition of the legitimacy of Jewish self-determination. Arafat declares the establishment of Israel to be in violation of international law and of all moral principles, since it is supposedly based on the uprooting of the Palestinian people from their homeland, Arafat describes Israel's establishment as an act of "organized terror" which contradicts the Palestinian people's "right of return, the right to independence ('self-determination' in the Arabic text), and the right to sovereignty on the territory of its homeland."**
- The PLO gave no indication that it was willing to abandon its national covenant, which asserts Israel's establishment to be null and void and explicitly calls for the destruction of Israel.

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Negotiations are the only vehicle which can lead to peace and to a just settlement of Palestinian grievances. The PNC did not make any move that would facilitate the opening of such negotiations. Instead, it chose to make a unilateral declaration of independence which does nothing to resolve the Palestinians' problems.

- The UN partition plan for Palestine of 1947 (Resolution 181), which called for the establishment of both Jewish and Arab states in Palestine, is referred to by Arafat only as guaranteeing the "international legitimacy" of the Palestinian Arab right to "sovereignty and national independence." He makes no mention of Israel nor does he speak of legitimate partition, then or now. Instead, Arafat considers Resolution 181 to have inflicted an "historic injustice" on the Palestinian people, "resulting in their dispersion and depriving them of their right to self determination." Arafat turns history on its head by insinuating that the Arab state envisioned in Resolution 181 was thwarted by the Jews.
- The Palestinian "right of return" is a traditional PLO code phrase tied to its goal of dismembering Israel. The "right of return" demands the return of all Palestinians to their homes and lands in pre-1967 Israel, and the "return" of these areas to Arab sovereignty. The PNC's insistence on this belies the PLO's claim that it wants peace.

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The PNC affirmed the Palestinian "right" to resort to violence against Israel. Both the declaration and the political program call for a continuation of "the struggle" (a traditional term for terrorism) in order to "eradicate the occupation. . . ." The PNC sought to justify this on the basis of recent (Arab-sponsored) UN resolutions which define armed violence in the name of national liberation as legitimate. The PLO "condemnation" of terror in all its forms cynically refers to attacks outside of Israel, while fully defending the continuing war of terrorism against Israel and Jews in "Palestine."

The PLO still seems more concerned with packaging itself for Western public opinion than with adopting policies conducive to meaningful negotiations with Israel. It continues to fudge on the basic issues: failing to come to terms with Israel's right to exist by granting it recognition and the promise of security, and failing to forego the use of terror. The PLO meeting, regrettably, is but another wasted Palestinian opportunity in the search for Middle East peace

Opinion

In the army I was a problem for the officers

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I know, my esteemed readers, that you are waiting breathlessly for the full unfolding of the saga of my experiences as an accepted, approved and duly inducted member of the Queen's Own Rifles (reserve) Regiment of Toronto. So, sit down and listen, I mean: read...

J. B. Salsberg

First, let me assure you that there was no discrimination against me as a Jew (there was only a handful of Jews in the regiment). But I was a problem at first to the officers. The officers didn't know how to handle me.

I wanted to be treated like every other rifleman, but they couldn't forget that I was an MPP, whose radical comments in the Ontario legislature and in the daily press placed me into a special category.

Most of the officers were Anglo-Canadian lawyers, senior executives, etc. They couldn't resist the temptation or the opportunity to have some well-meant "fun" occasions at my expense. For instance:

After the formal assembling of the troops the command would be given to step forward for inspection. The officers would then inspect the outfits, shoes and "bearing" of each soldier. But the major who commanded my platoon would often pretend to inspect me most meticulously, but actually would whisper some remarks to me.

One evening, for instance, the late edition of the Star reported, on its front page, that in the legislature I charged the government with "trying to disembowel" the trade unions of Ontario. My major, while pretending to inspect me actually circled me a few times and in a whispering voice said: "So they are trying to disembowel labor! I would have to rape somebody before I'd get that kind of publicity!"

On another occasion, early in our training, the battalion was put through a rigorous marching exercise on the parade ground of the armory. And, you'd never guess it, the officer "marshalled" Rifleman Salsberg to take command over the force. Oy, I said to myself. But a command, is a command. Nervously I shouted the orders; Forward march! About turn! Right turn! and then it happened.

I had marched the entire "force" straight to the wall and, in my nervous state, forgot the command to "about turn".

What an embarrassment! But a good time was had by all.

As for a "battle" on the beaches (CJN Dec. 1) it happened, more or less, this way:

The entire force was ordered to appear at the armory early on a Sunday morning in full battle dress for a special exercise. We assembled with everything that belonged to the army on

The Salsbergs in the army. From left Bob, J.B. and Nat.

our bodies or hanging on our chests and backs, ready for anything!

The commanding officer informed us in a very grave voice that Nazi submarines were detected at the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the Atlantic coast. (That had been reported in the press earlier.) So we had to be ready and able to destroy them if they should manage to sneak through the St. Lawrence river and attack from the Lake Ontario beaches. It was up to us, he concluded — as he straightened his shoulders — it's up to us to prepare to meet the enemy right here and to destroy him. We agreed and hoped for the opportunity to do so.

Well, we, the defenders of Toronto, arrived safely at what was to become the battlefield. We were spread out along the grasses behind the sandy beach and with our loaded rifles we awaited the command. We didn't have to wait long.

The whole military operation had apparently been well organized. After about five minutes of waiting for the hated enemy (our own buddies in disguise) he appeared from behind a cluster of shrubbery in row boats, heading straight towards us. We were sure that we just couldn't miss them.

When the order to fire was given,. all our antique, World War One rifles fired most enthusiastically every blank shell we had. Some of the invaders "fell," some were "wounded," but the enemy retreated as we fired at their boats.

We had won the critical battle!

I was the only defender who suffered an "injury."

Not that the enemy got at me. Heaven forbid. He wouldn't have dared. What happened was that when my ancient rifle began firing, the barrel spewed its acrid vapors back at me instead of forward. I inhaled some of that putrid stuff and began coughing loudly enough to attract our medical unit.

Don't be upset, my agitated readers, I really wasn't a casualty of war. After a few minutes of normal breathing I was as good as new.

I had but done my duty in defence of "everything we hold dear."

(More of my role in World War Two next week.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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WHO IS BEING CRUDE?

In his Nov. 24 column, Rabbi Moses Burak writes: "I feel crushed by the crudities emanating from some of our highest-priced pulpiteers."

He then gives the back of his hand to Conservative and Reform Jews enjoined by their rabbis not to give financial support to Orthodox institutions and causes because of their doctrinal differences.

Since he is an Orthodox rabbi, I would not have expected otherwise from Burak.

A survey, however, of contributors to Aish Hatorah and the Lubavitch movement in Toronto last year showed that between 80% and 85% of the donors to these Orthodox causes were Reform, Conservative, and even secular Jews.

Can the worthy Rabbi Burak show me one Orthodox Jew who has ever contributed 5 cents to the Jewish Theological Seminary, United Synagogue Day School, Hebrew Union College, or Leo Baeck Day School?

What happened to his theory, based on "psokim," about contributing to those with whom one has doctrinal differences?

Sam Hoffman
Toronto

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ORTHODOX ALIENATE YOUNG JEWS

I resent bitterly what Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his ultra-Orthodox cohorts are doing to drive young Jews away from Judaism if they are not prepared to adhere to Orthodox Who Is A Jew restrictions.

I think it's time for every individual Reform and Conservative Jew to speak out — with our pocketbooks — to Shamir and his coalition.

I suggest that we earmark our United Jewish Appeal cards with the proviso that "none of the money I contribute may be used, either in Canada or Israel, for Orthodox institutions that discriminate against Reform or Conservative Jews."

Ray Havelock
Toronto

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RESENTS "ORTHODOX-BAITING" BIAS

I resent the bias in your Nov. 17 report by your Jerusalem correspondent, Nechemia Meyers, headed "Religious parties' showing concerns some Israelis."

It is one unmitigated diatribe against "ultra-Orthodox" Jews in Israel.

(By the way, what ever happened to Orthodox Jews? They seem to have disappeared. There are, according to your reporters, only "ultra-Orthodox" Jews left.)

There is not an iota of an attempt by Meyers to understand what Orthodoxy really stands for — its ideas and ideals. All he wants to write about are negative aspects.

Orthodox people spend their days studying God's Torah and practicing good deeds. But in Meyers' myopic view, they are all draft-dodgers and stone-throwers.

Would anyone pass judgment on non-religious Jews in Israel on the basis of their hanging around the cafes on Dizengoff St.?

The least The CJN could do is to present balanced reporting. Otherwise, it is guilty of fostering the terrible affliction that pits Jew against Jew, instead of furthering understanding and accord.

Henry Biberfeld
Montreal

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PUBLICLY WASHING DIRTY LINEN?

I have always claimed that, if left alone, we Jews will self-destruct.

Some time ago, the Montreal Gazette, in a report titled "Liberals are no longer assured of Montreal's Jewish vote," referred to the Canadian Jewish Congress as the national representative organization of Canadian Jewry.

In a letter published Nov. 17, Marilyn Wainberg claimed that CJC was not the only representative of Canadian Jewry and that B'nai B'rith, as the senior organization, was also a representative of Canadian Jewry.

Surely, such a trivial matter could have been resolved by simply sending the same letter to The Canadian Jewish News and not the Gentile press which couldn't care less as to which organization represented Canadian Jewry.

B'nai B'rith is one of the organizations which claims that the Gazette is biased in the reporting of Israeli events, yet when it suits its purpose of publicity uses the Gazette to enhance its organization.

If we have dirty linen to wash, let us wash it among our own. Let us not give the Gentile press the opportunity of gloating at our in-fighting.

Kek Rosenblatt
Montreal

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AD NO KNIGHTS' ENDORSEMENT

The advertisement on behalf of Robert Presser (CJN, Nov. 17) included endorsements by two individuals identified as Knights of Pythias. This should not be construed to mean that the Knights of Pythias endorsed Mr. Presser.

It is unfortunate that the ad implies our endorsement. The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization and service club well known in Montreal for its charitable work. The Knights of Pythias is non-political and therefore endorses no party nor any individual candidates.

Jack Barnes
Grand Chancellor
Domain of Quebec
Knights of Pythias
Montreal

AUSSIE SEEKS PEN PAL

While visiting a deeply religious Jewish scientist friend in Australia not long ago, I was impressed by the keen interest in literature shown by his intelligent, 13-year-old daughter. She is seeking a Canadian Jewish girl of similar interests to be her pen friend.

Those interested should write Raquel Hasofer, 86 Bondi Rd., Bondi 2022, NSW, Australia.

N. C Lind
Waterloo, Ont.

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Author Roma Gelblum-Bross with her Maltese dog, Moppet.

AUTHOR LOVES DOG SURVIVOR

Thank you for Frank Rasky's laudatory profile and enthusiastic review of my book, *To Samarkand And Back*, in his Nov. 3 Showbiz Mishmash column headed "Author not a Holocaust victim, but a victor."

In a subsequent phone conversation, Mr. Rasky requested a few more autobiographical details, perhaps with the hope that The CJN will be consulted by my future biographers.

Well, I have a 20-year-old daughter, Amanda, who is a student at McGill University Law School. Apart from literature, I am interested in art, parapsychology, the analysis of dreams, and animals — one of which appears in the enclosed photo.

He is my 12-year-old dog named Moppet, the third Maltese I own. I have a particular liking for this breed of tiny shaggy dogs, perhaps because they are small, like me, and despite their delicate appearance, quite sturdy and survivors.

Yes, my daughter is interested in literature. No, my dog isn't. He prefers bones.

As Mr. Rasky mentioned that several people expressed interest in the possibility of giving readings of my short stories before Toronto groups, please note they can make arrangements by phoning my publisher, Jan Geddes, of Cormorant Press in Dunvegan, Ont., at (613) 527-3348.

Roma Gelblum-Bross
Montreal

A BOW TO GASNER

Here's a bow to Cynthia Gasner for her Oct. 6 article about my Toronto boutique, New Waves By Malka Leah, which was headed "Beautician's stylish wigs end 'hair-raising' times."

She covered the "wigs and why" in such a commendably clear, interesting fashion that I've received numerous compliments from callers, many of whom become new clients.

Malka Leah Shainhouse
Toronto

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KUDOS TO GERRY MORRIS

I'd like to thank you for the recent profile of me and my opera career written by Gerry Morris.

Needless to say, I've been interviewed countless times throughout my career, and without question, this had to be one of the best profiles on me ever done.

After all these years, I felt that just about everything that could have been written about me had been.

Morris, however, managed to bring a fresh approach, warm, human and informative. For this, my heartfelt thanks.

Robert Merrill
New York City

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BURAK AS DEFENCE MINISTER?

I wish to take issue with Rabbi Burak's Nov. 10 comments about the exemption of yeshiva students from military service.

Since Israel is a democracy it is the responsibility of *all* her citizens to defend the country. While some ultra-Orthodox Jews serve in the Israel Defence Forces' *yeshivat hesder* program, most avoid military conscription by cloistering themselves behind the doors of the yeshiva — at the government's expense.

Rabbi Burak writes that when a yeshivat hesder soldier is killed, the Torah loses. But when a regular recruit or *miluimnik* — a Jew like you or me — falls in action, do the people of Israel, not to mention his family, not equally grieve? What right do the ultra-Orthodox have to protect their sons while asking others to fight and die for them?

I served in the Canadian Army during World War II, and as such, in my own way, contributed to the downfall of Hitler. Should Rabbi Burak be proud that, while the Holocaust was taking place, and he was of draft age, he exempted himself by studying Talmud in Baltimore?

I am astounded by his statement: "Israel has won all its wars. It has never suffered from a lack of soldiers in the field." That Israel has been victorious in the past (thank God), does not guarantee her continued military success. Similarly, the IDF's manpower shortage is no military secret.

Since Rabbi Burak considers himself competent to make strategic assessments, perhaps he should consider applying for the post of defence minister in the new Israeli government.

Harry Raymond
Toronto

World-National

Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka

Ottawa rabbi touted as Britain's Chief Rabbi

OTTAWA —

Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas Synagogue is one of the candidates being considered as a successor to Lord Jakobovits, Britain's Chief Rabbi, according to a report in the London Jewish Chronicle. The Chief Rabbi is stepping down in 1991.

Asked by The CJN if he would take the post if offered to him, Rabbi Bulka said, "it would be hard to say yes and hard to say no. I have roots in Canada and I would have misgivings about leaving.

Rabbi Bulka, who, by coincidence, is a nephew of Lord Jakobovits, said he was in England recently to deliver a few lectures and happened to arrive there on the day before the United Synagogue announced the start of the lengthy procedure to find a successor.

The first Jewish Chronicle report listed five possible candidates, Rabbi Bulka being the only one from outside Britain. A second story was a feature interview mentioning his name alone.

Rabbi Bulka was in England as the guest of the United Synagogue to deliver a lecture celebrating the 500th anniversary of Rabbi Joseph Caro, compiler of the standard reference on Jewish law, the Shulchan Aruch.

"As far as I know, the United Synagogue has as yet no long listing or short listing, as the case may be," Rabbi Bulka said. "It has a board of 120 so it will have to delegate the search to a committee."

The Chronicle says many would place Rabbi Bulka within the "modern" bands of the Orthodox spectrum, but he summarily dismiss labels.

"We're almost getting to the point where you have to identify your standing not just in terms of right-wing, centrist, left-wing Orthodox but whether you're 89 degrees to the right or 86, or 83. It's become a little bit absurd," he said.

His outlook, he said, was "colored by a desire to try to encompass the entirety of the community into all of my concerns, without getting into the question of whether this is rightist, leftist or centrist. This is essential Orthodoxy."

The broad approach of institutions like the United Synagogue, which tried to keep as many as it could within the Orthodox fold, was something he "would certainly go along with."

His concern for the whole of Jewry was amply demonstrated in his book, published in 1984, The Coming Cataclysm, where he warned of the possibility of an irreparable split between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox worldwide into two separate peoples over the issue of Who is a Jew?

He believes action is needed on an international scale — "a global strategy" — to woo the unaffiliated back into the Jewish community. "In the United States, half of the Jewish population is estimated not to be involved or affiliated with any Jewish organization whatsoever.

"It's a scary thing. These are the ones who probably are in greatest danger of falling by the wayside and it's our responsibility to make sure this does not happen."

His range of involvement with communal organizations is wide. He was the State of Israel Bonds' "man of the year" in 1971 and won the distinguished service award in 1980 of the United Jewish Appeal, American Jewry's main fund raising arm. He chairs a commission of the Canadian Jewish Congress looking into assimilation and Jewish identity and has joined the human rights commission of B'nai B'rith.

Prompt return of hijackers

Soviet Union praises Israel

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

A bizarre hostage-taking incident in the Soviet Union that ended at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport last Friday won Israel a warm official embrace from the kremlin over the weekend.

In a rare and apparently sincere show of gratitude by the Communist superpower to the Jewish state, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze issued a statement commending the Israeli government for handling this "barbaric deed" in a "noble and humanitarian way."

He said it set an example for intergovernmental relations all over the world. The statement was televised in Moscow and reported by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The praise was in response to the way Israel dealt, firmly and without bloodshed, with the potentially explosive situation caused by five Soviet nationals who had themselves flown to Tel Aviv in an aircraft extorted from the Soviet authorities in exchange for child hostages.

All were deported back to the USSR Saturday to face trial.

To convey his message to Jerusalem officially, Shevardnadze summoned Arye Levin, head of the Israel consulate delegation that has been in Moscow since September, virtually ignored by Soviet officialdom.

Levin, who had been trying in vain to obtain an audience with any Soviet diplomat above the most junior consular level, found himself face to face with the foreign minister, one of the most powerful men in the regime of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Even more extraordinary was the presence of television cameras in Shevardnadze's office, recording the meeting for Soviet viewers.

Shevardnadze was quoted by Tass as telling Levin: "We thank the Israeli authorities for showing such goodwill and decisive suppression of the illegal action. Such norms of civilized intergovernmental relations must be firmly established in the modern world."

In Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres expressed appreciation for the message. He said he hoped that "ways to deepen the understanding between the two countries" would "soon be found."

He also noted that the consular delegation the Soviets have had in Israel since June 1987 and the Israeli team in Moscow functioned as full-fledged representation. He said he hoped this arrangement would continue.

Israel won praise and respect from many other countries as the world suspensefully watched the latest hostage-hijacking drama unfold.

In the end, Israel got an opportunity to demonstrate its humanitarian side. While agreeing that the hijackers were criminals, it conditioned their deportation on a written pledge, given by Moscow, that they would not be subjected to the death penalty.

The incident began in Ordzhonikidze, a town in the Soviet Caucasus.

Pavel Vakshinitz, a bus driver said to have a criminal record; his wife, Tamara Mikhaelovna Vakshinitz; and three armed accomplices seized a school bus carrying 30 children and their teacher.

They drove to the town hall, where the bus driver demanded $2 million in rubles and foreign currency, and a plane to fly out of the country. He threatened to kill the children if his demands were not met.

Vakshinitz reportedly demanded an Ilyushin T-76 cargo plane equipped with a ramp to drive vehicles aboard. His intention apparently was to drive the busload of children onto the plane.

But as it turned out, he released the children. The five boarded the Ilyushin jet with two bags of currency, three pistols and a sawed-off shotgun, with which they forced the 8-member crew to follow orders.

The three accomplices were identified as Vladimir Morlovod, German Vishnikov and Vladimir Anastayezev. None of the criminals is Jewish.

Tamara Vakshinitz subsequently was cleared of criminal intent. Soviet authorities affirmed that she had been forced by her husband to board the school bus and then the plane.

Reform cemetery in Jerusalem area

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

A Reform Jewish cemetery, where people will be buried in coffins, is to be established in the Jerusalem area with the approval of the ministry for religious affairs. This was reported by Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Religious Action Centre of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Regev said the state attorney's office had called to say that the ministry would approve the cemetery. The call, said Regev, came only one day before the ministry was to have responded to a petition to the High Court of Justice demanding such a cemetery.

Regev said the ministry had also committed itself to obtaining a licence for the cemetery and to providing financial aid.

He said that the burials would be for all non-Orthodox Jews, including the secular, with families choosing the ritual they wanted.

He stressed that coffins would be used. Burial without coffins, which is standard practice in Israel, is one of the most "traumatic" aspects of Orthodox funerals, he said.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED. M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred. M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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SHERWIN

I am grateful to Lewis Sherwin of Cote St. Luc, Que., for interesting information about his surname.

His grandfather was SHERWINTER — presumably because he lived in SCZERWIN, a small town in Lithuania. He evidently moved south to WOLKOWICZ in Byelorussia.

My correspondent said that he was able to trace the existence of SCZERWIN on an army ordnance map. I should welcome a copy of the map as it does not appear on any of my maps.

Another illustrious emigre of this fine community is my correspondent's cousin, Moishe David Bashinsky, who emigrated to Montreal early in the century. He is better known as Sir Mortimer Davis, a great philanthropist, whose name is perpetuated in the objects of his bounty.

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Maariv correspondent calls Palestinians "very, very tired"

Intifada may not last much longer: Bar-Yosef

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

As the Palestinian uprising entered its first year this week, an Israeli journalist who covers the territories predicted that it won't go on for much too longer if present circumstances remain the same.

Avinoam Bar-Yosef, the West Bank-Gaza Strip correspondent for Maariv, one of Israel's leading dailies, said: "The Palestinians are very, very tired. They can't go on for a very long period without new resources or some political achievement."

Incessant commercial strikes by Palestinian merchants, coupled with Israel's success in blocking Arab sustenance funds from the territories, have taken a heavy economic toll on the Palestinians, he pointed out. "The *intifada* will be over the moment the merchants open their stores (on a regular basis) and the atmosphere of revolt ends."

Furthermore, Bar-Yosef added, the recent declaration of statehood by the Palestine National Council in Algiers was "not enough" for many Palestinians. "On the second day, the population (in the territories) woke up and Israeli troops were still there."

The Palestinians, too, were disappointed by the outcome of the Nov. 1 Israeli election. They had hoped that the Labor Party, led by Shimon Peres, would be able to form a government and then present a promising peace initiative. "Now they're afraid nothing will change. The election showed them that Israelis are carrying on as usual and that they're the only ones who are suffering."

Another cause for Palestinian demoralization, Bar-Yosef theorized, was Israel's successful launch of a space satellite recently. "While they're fighting with stones, Israel is expanding its scientific base."

Yet, after one year of rebellion which has claimed the lives of more than 300 Palestinians and eight Jews, the Palestinians have achieved two gains — the sympathy of international public opinion and the restoration of their pride, he explained.

"With the *intifada*, they took their fate in their own hands for the first time." Partly as a result of the uprising, Bar-Yosef said, local Palestinians succeeded in pressuring the PLO to issue the Algiers declaration, which accepted the principle of partition in historic Palestine and extended implicit recognition to Israel.

Bar-Yosef, who has been writing about the territories for the past five years, described the PNC meeting in Algiers as "a step forward, though not really enough."

He warned that the uprising has increased the level of animosity against Israel and Israelis. "Until last December, most hatred had been directed against King Hussein of Jordan and President Hafez Assad of Syria, who have never really helped the Palestinians in their struggle. Now the opposite is true."

Bar-Yosef said that, at the outset, Israel had dealt "very badly" with the uprising. "Now the army has found real answers. The cities are quieter and demonstrations are much weaker. It was a question of experience. The soldiers had no training in riot control."

The Palestinians, he noted, would like to use arms on a systematic basis against the Israel Defence Force. "But they lack the munitions to confront an army, and they realize that Israel's reaction would be very severe."

Bar-Yosef suggested that the uprising is "the first revolution in history" without an open, identifiable leadership. The leaders, he said, write the leaflets which instruct the population what to do next. "It's hard for the Shin Bet to pinpoint the leadership."

No one, including himself, anticipated the revolt. Nor did he think it would last for more than a few weeks or months. Bar-Yosef can recall writing articles prior to the *intifada* warning of the rising tide of Palestinian frustration with Israel's military rule.

In these pieces, he urged Israel to negotiate with the PLO because, then as now, it is "the only body representing the Palestinians."

Bar-Yosef, who was here under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Community Action For Israel Committee, said Israel faces a growing demographic problem because the Arab birthrate continues to exceed that of the Jewish one in Israel and the territories.

"Without a big aliya, the Jews will lose the opportunity to have their own homeland. Day by day, we're losing our moral right to rule the country because there are not enough Jews to settle the territories."

Wedding ceremony to contain proviso

MONTREAL —

A group of Montreal Orthodox rabbis has agreed to include a pre-nuptial agreement concerning any future divorce in every wedding ceremony they perform effective immediately.

The Rabbinical Council of Canada, Quebec Region, which comprises more than 20 Orthodox rabbis, took the collective decision at a recent meeting, said Rabbi Reuben Poupko, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel Beth Aaron and a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress subcommittee on the get (Jewish divorce).

Poupko said these rabbis represent 80% of the congregations in Montreal.

The agreement has also been approved by the Vaad Harabonim of the Vaad Ha'ir, led by Chief Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung, as being in accordance with Jewish law.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko

The agreement, signed by the couple before the wedding, reads in part: "We recognize that in celebrating a Jewish marriage we are bound to respect and abide by the Jewish laws of marriage and family. In the event any civil divorce is granted dissolving this marriage, we agree to seek and receive a Jewish religious divorce (get)" from a rabbinical tribunal.

Poupko, who has been lobbying his fellow Orthodox rabbis to adopt such an agreement, said this is the first time in North America that the rabbinate has made "such a unified response" to the get problem. He said the agreement provides some protection against one party using the withholding or non-acceptance of the get as a bargaining tool in civil divorce proceedings.

He admitted, however, that the pre-nuptial agreement is not "a panacea" and there is no guarantee that it would stand up in a civil court, if tested.

"It is a step in the right direction, and does restore some stature to the rabbis in this problem," he said. "I think this decision recognizes the growing problem attributed to the get." Poupko said Conservative rabbis in Montreal will now be encouraged to also adopt the agreement.

The RCC, Quebec Region, is chaired by Rabbi Howard Joseph, of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, who is one of a small number of Orthodox rabbis in Montreal who, for years, has advised inclusion of the agreement in weddings he performs.

Poupko noted that the agreement is the first concrete result to come out of a community forum on the get held in October and organized by the CJC Quebec Region Status of Women Committee and the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get.

The agreement will, of course, only help prevent get problems in the future. Poupko insists that federal legislation is still needed to help those currently affected.

Toronto lawyer John Syrtash, who was a guest speaker at the community forum, continues to press the federal government for an amendment to the Divorce Act, which would make it impossible to obtain a civil divorce if a get had not taken place.

Tourism increase reported

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence this past year not only attracted more visitors than expected, but ended with a budget surplus, according to outgoing Education Minister Yitzhak Navon.

Navon, who chaired the celebration committee, said that 1.5 million shekels (approximately $1 million) remained unspent, about a tenth of the overall budget.

Moreover, despite the Palestinian unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, more than 500,000 visitors came to Israel during the anniversary year, although no more than 300,000 had been expected, Navon said.

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Lawyer's suicide causes delay

Demjanjuk appeal, sentence postponed to May

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's High Court of Justice will not hear John Demjanjuk's appeal of his war crimes conviction and death sentence until next May.

The court was supposed to begin hearing the case this week. But its president, Justice Meir Shamgar, agreed to postpone the hearing until May 4, 1988, at the request of Demjanjuk's defence attorney, Yoram Sheftel.

Sheftel must find a replacement for the late Dov Eitan, a member of the defence team who committed suicide last week by jumping from the 15th floor of an office building in downtown Jerusalem.

Eitan, a respected former Jerusalem district court judge and former military court president, was an important asset for the defence.

He offered to help Demjanjuk's appeal when the former U.S. citizen was sentenced to death last May, a week after he was found guilty of crimes against humanity, crimes against the Jewish people, war crimes and murder.

Demjanjuk was identified at his trial as the Treblinka death camp guard known as Ivan the Terrible, who operated the gas chambers, where some 800,000 Jews perished.

The defence claims he is a victim of mistaken identity.

Eitan's suicide could not be explained by his friends and associates. It is not known whether it had any connection with the Demjanjuk case.

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In a related development, a 70-year-old Holocaust survivor hurled acid into the face of Sheftel last week during the funeral for Eitan.

Sheftel was rushed to a hospital, where doctors treated damage to one eye. A hospital spokesman said his exact condition would not be known for several days.

A woman with him was also treated for slight injuries. Israel Radio identified her as author Edna Shabtai.

According to witnesses, Sheftel's assailant stepped from the crowd at the Sanhedria Cemetery and threw a bottle of acid at the attorney and the woman. Police immediately arrested the man, Yisrael Yehekeli.

According to police spokesman Rafi Levy, he is a Jerusalem resident and survivor of the Treblinka death camp.

Yehekeli was said to be in good spirits and in no way remorseful over his act.

Mercedes manufacturer to aid Holocaust victims

NEW YORK (JTA) — Organizations providing shelter or home care to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution have been invited to apply for grants from a fund set up by the Daimler-Benz company of West Germany, it has been announced by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany.

Daimler-Benz, which manufactures the Mercedes car, established a $5.76 million fund for the purpose of giving reparations to those concentration camp or ghetto survivors who were compelled to do forced labor for the auto company or other German firms.

In principle, the Claims Conference will only consider applications from organizations which have been established for the purpose of providing shelter or home care to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, or from such organizations where substantial numbers of their residents or clients are Nazi victims.

Organizations have until Jan. 31 to file applications with the Claims Conference. They should be addressed, in five copies, to Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, 15 East 26 Street, Room 1355, New York City 10010.

Mohammad ruling expected Dec. 15

By PHIL FINE

HAMILTON, Ont. — An immigration department adjudicator here is scheduled to rule Dec. 15 if convicted Palestinian terrorist Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad should be deported.

Ed McNamara's ruling will cap almost a year of legal maneuverings in which Mohammad's lawyers have fought to allow the 46-year-old former member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to stay in Canada.

Mohammad was convicted by a Greek court in 1970 of manslaughter, possession of weapons and unlawful interference with civil aviation for a 1968 attack on an El Al airliner at Athens in which an Israeli was killed.

In 1986, he applied to come to Canada but failed to note on his application form that he had a criminal conviction. A year later, he managed to slip past authorities at Pearson International Airport in Toronto even though they had been warned to watch out for him.

The federal government is trying to deport Mohammad on the basis that he omitted any reference to his crime on his application form.

As a landed immigrant, Mohammad can appeal a deportation order to the Immigration Appeal Board in Toronto and, under certain circumstances, to the Supreme Court of Canada.

If Mohammad doesn't appeal, he must leave as soon as is practical, Immigration spokesman Carl Gulliver told The CJN.

But there must be some country, he added, willing to accept the Palestinian.

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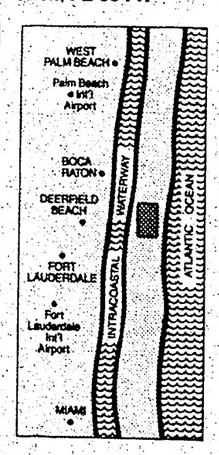

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Ex-Refusenik Tufeld dies of a brain tumor in Israel

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Former Moscow Refusenik Isolda Tufeld, who was allowed out of the Soviet Union 11 months ago for emergency medical treatment, has died in Jerusalem, report Soviet Jewry activists.

The 57-year-old mathematics teacher never fully recovered from a 14-hour operation in January at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Medical Centre, where a non-cancerous 4-inch brain tumor was removed.

"We're very saddened by her death, but we're not surprised," said Janice Rotman-Goldstein, Soviet Jewry co-chairman at Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue.

"She had a benign tumor, but by the time she was operated on it was the size of a baseball. The damage from that eventually killed her."

Isolda and her 60-year-old husband, Vladimir, an electronics engineer, were Adath Israel's former adopted Refuseniks.

Rabbi Erwin Schild announced the tragic news to his congregation at a recent Shabbat morning service.

"Perhaps it intensified our feeling of solidarity with Soviet Jewry," he said. "It gave us a realistic closeness to what we're doing there."

Schild, who visited Isolda at Jerusalem's Ezrat Nashim Hospital during a 1-month trip to Israel in July, said she wasn't conscious, but medical staff said she responded to Russian music.

Vladimir still hoped she would recover although he had a "pretty realistic assessment of her condition," said Schild, who spoke to him on the telephone before he left Jerusalem.

"He knew it was very serious. He was a bit depressed over it."

Vladimir originally was not permitted to join his wife, who, after being denied an exit visa for 10 years on grounds she possessed state secrets, was granted a 3-month emergency medical visa to the U.S. last December.

But Soviet officials relented in May, giving him a temporary visa. The couple was reunited in the U.S. with their son, Igor, who immigrated to Israel in 1977.

On May 26 the family left for Israel. Isolda was immediately admitted to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Isolda was first operated on in July, 1981 when Moscow's top surgeon removed a brain tumor. When it grew back — larger and more dangerous than ever — she and her husband pleaded with Soviet authorities to allow her to seek medical treatment in Israel or North America.

Vladimir — who also suffers from poor health, including a heart condition, and spinal problems — still hasn't formally received permission to emigrate, although he's expected to remain with Igor and his family in Jerusalem.

Inna Ioffe Uspensky (right) with her husband, Igor, are on a hunger strike with their son, Slava (not pictured).

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Moscow Refuseniks Inna Ioffe Uspensky, 56, and her husband, Igor, 49, began a hunger strike last month with their 19-year-old son, Slava, a third generation Refusenik, to draw attention to his plight.

Slava, exempted from Soviet army service for medical reasons, has been repeatedly denied permission to leave Israel on his own visa, and most recently was told his case would not be considered for another 18 months. He and his parents, both biologists, have been waiting to leave since 1979.

"We don't know why Soviet authorities have treated our son in such a way, but we face a real violation of elementary human rights and his dignity," Inna and Igor said in a statement issued by Canadian Jewish Congress.

The couple has been denied exit visas since March, 1981 on grounds they possess state secrets. The family, including Igor's 76-year-old mother, Irina Voronkevich, a retired biologist, want to go to Israel to join Inna's brother, Alexander Ioffe, a renowned mathematician who immigrated to the Jewish state in February.

Letters of support may be sent to Inna, Igor and Slava at Pr. Vernadskogo 125/237, Moscow 117571, RSFSR, USSR, phone 434-8357.

Messages asking that exit visas be granted to the Uspenskys may be sent to Vadim Bakatyn, Minister of the Interior, Ulitza Ogareeva 6, Moscow 103009, RSFSR, USSR; and Eduard Shevardnadze, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Smolnskaya-Sennaya Ploschad 32-34, Moscow 121200, RSFSR, USSR.

For more information, call Carole Moscovitch, the CJC's national Soviet Jewry director, at (514) 931-7531; or Ben Prossin, the CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry director at (416) 635-2883.

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Increasing numbers of Jews in Leningrad are applying to leave the USSR because of an upsurge in activity by the anti-semitic Pamyat organization, says Leningrad Refusenik Galina Zelichonok, who is visiting the West on a 3-month tourist visa.

The 48-year-old former engineer made the comments during a recent trip to Haifa.

Pamyat is still very active in Leningrad, even though local authorities have banned the Russian nationalist group from holding large rallies, she said in a Jerusalem Post Foreign Service Report.

Galina and her 52-year-old husband, Roald, one of four Prisoners of Zion still in the Soviet Union, have been denied exit visas since 1978.

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Former chemical engineer Ada Grauer, 42, and her two children Yanna, 18, and Chaim, 9, of Chernovitsy in the Ukraine, have received permission to emigrate to Israel, Prossin says.

However, Soviet officials are refusing to give an exit visa to Ada's 41-year-old husband, Mark, a former electrical engineer.

The Grauers, who have been waiting more than a decade to emigrate, are the adopted Refusenik family of Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation.

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Senior Canadian Jewish leaders recently presented Andrei Tchoupine, first secretary of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa, with a petition from Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, says a B'nai B'rith Canada news release.

The petition, bearing 700 signatures, asked Soviet officials to grant exit visas to Beth Emeth's adopted Moscow Refuseniks Leonid Shabashov, a chemical engineer, his wife, Olga, a teacher of mentally handicapped children, and their 9-year-old daughter, Dalia.

The Shabashovs have been denied emigration permission since 1974 on grounds of possession of state secrets.

The delegation of Jewish leaders — led by Moishe Smith, BB Canada's president-elect — included Rabbi Reuven Bulka, a member of BB Canada's national advisory council, and Rebecca Zuckerbrodt, government relations director.

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1. **BALIN, Max** - born about 1900 in Russia. Last known address was Ottawa. Wife's name, Rachel - and daughter Eva (Tsivya).
2. **BLUMSZTEIN, Jakub** - other names used - Jan, Waldemar, Melion) - born in 1926 in Poland. Believed to have arrived in Canada in 1948.
3. **COOPER, Hayim Shaya & wife, Frida - COOPER, Shimon - COOPER, Shloma, wife Miriam & son Pesach**, brothers of the late David Pesachovitch Cooper of Kuybeshev, USSR, children of the late Riva and Pesach Kuper, who lived in Israel.
4. **DASHEVSKY, Tatyana**, born in 1925 - believed to have arrived in Canada in 1979; mother of Mrs. Gutnik, and another daughter.
5. **DENES, George** - born in Oradea Mare, Roumania in 1920. Brother of Andrew. Immigrated to Canada from Israel in 1953 or 1954.
6. **FINKELSTEIN, Harry** - born in Dombrowa, Poland. Known to have resided in Toronto.
7. **FOLK, Pessah & Shalom** - born near Brody, Pichaye, Poland in 1922. Believed to have arrived in Canada in 1935.
8. **GRILL, Anna** - born in Munich on February 15, 1933 - daughter of Meir and Minna Grill, sister of Rosa. Emigrated to Canada in May 1953 from Bremerhaven to Montreal, aboard the MIS "Fair Sea".
9. **HERSCHKOWITCH, Betty** - born in Montreal around 1923. Sought by friend who was in Montreal during WW2, while training for Czechoslovak Air Force.
10. **KUPERBERG, Pola** - born Feb. 15, 1917 in Lodz, Poland; daughter of Chaim and Rywka nee Nirenberg. Sought by sister who last heard about her in 1947, when she was to leave for Canada or the U.S.A.
11. **LEIBOVICI, Alex - Alexander - Adrian** - born in Bucharest, Roumania; textile worker; his father was a chemist. He had a brother who was a doctor.
12. **LITINEZKY, Victor Naumovich** - born around 1958 in Odessa, USSR, son of Naum and Zhenya. Arrived in Canada around 1976.
13. **NIEDZWIEKI, Rywka nee Szpiro** (also known as Volman) - born in 1914; last known address was, 4141 Bathurst St., #308, Toronto, Ontario.
14. **SCHWARZ, Leib (Louis)** - (family of) - born in Kitaigorod, Dashevski region, Vinnitzkfya district in 1902. Left Ukraine for Philadelphia in 1921. Sought by surviving relatives in USSR. **SCHWARZ, Avreilem (Abraham)** son of Kalman, also born in Kitaigorod, approx. 1898. Left Ukraine for Toronto or Montreal in 1921. His wife was born in Kostantinov, Ukraine.
15. **SPIEGEL, David & Feygie** - Children of David Spiegel and Feygie Spiegel nee Blinbaum. Family resided in Lodz. Two brothers, Maurice and Staszek and sister, Rosa Spiegel, Sought by their sister Pesya.
16. **WILENSKY, Bernard** - son of Jacob and Gruna (Grunche) nee Masovetsky (or family of) - last known address is Montreal.
17. **ZAFFRAN, Clara** - known to have resided in Montreal in 1952.

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Edmond Y. Lipsitz

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3. Against religious persecution instigated by the Syrians through their hellenizing policy in Palestine.

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Refuses to let PLO leader into country

U.S. comes under attack for Arafat visa decision

Compiled
By
PAUL LUNGEN

Concern, regret, surprise, anger — no matter how you looked at it, most international reaction to the U.S. decision to deny a visa to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was negative.

Diplomatic niceties aside, the United States faced strong international opposition to its decision, with the United Nations voting late last week to move the annual debate on Palestine to Geneva.

Among U.S. allies and opponents, only Israel supported the U.S. in a vote of the General Assembly of the UN. Canada voted with the 154-member majority to call on the U.S. to reverse its decision to deny Arafat a visa. Britain abstained.

Canada registered its "concern with the decision taken by the host country (U.S)," said a department of external affairs statement. "Canada's first priority...is to determine whether the U.S. would reconsider their decision."

At the UN, ambassador Paul Laberge, who ranks second at Canada's mission, said "it is more important than ever that the PLO's views be heard in international fora so that everyone has the opportunity to assess the changes that have taken place in the PLO's position on a peaceful settlement in the Middle East."

Domestically, American and Canadian Jewish groups backed the U.S. decision with Canadian organizations expressing their concern over Canada's position.

Using the strongest language among major Canadian-Jewish organizations, the Canada-Israel Committee "strongly disagreed with the Canadian governments's statement that ...Arafat should be given an opportunity to address the UN General Assembly."

Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman "expressed concern that the UN General Assembly may meet" to hear Arafat, while B'nai B'rith was "deeply dismayed that Canada decried the U.S. decision to deny a visa" to Arafat.

And, as if to show the diplomatic jargon was catching, the North American Jewish Students Network-Canada, at a rally at the U.S. consulate in Toronto, expressed its "disappointment" at Canada's lack of opposition to terrorist groups like the PLO.

The students group congratulated the U.S. move, saying that despite the "public relations gimmick" at Algiers where the Palestine National Council — the PLO's parliament-in-exile — endorsed UN resolutions implicitly recognizing Israel, no real change occurred in the terrorist organization.

In a letter to the Swiss ambassador to Canada, Eric R. Lang, Reitman pointed out that the PLO has been responsible for terrorist acts on Swiss territory.

"We know the heightened presence of the PLO usually brings with it danger to the local Jewish community," she stressed. "We trust that Switzerland, which abides by the highest standards of international law and customs, will not permit Arafat's entry."

In a letter to external affairs minister Joe Clark, B'nai B'rith Canada president Brian Feldman and executive vice president Frank Dimant noted the "commitment of the PLO to terrorist activity has not yet changed.

"Only a strong and consistent policy in dealing with those who advocate or conduct terror, will lead to its elimination," the letter stated, in an apparent reference to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's statement that Arafat was denied a visa because of his links to PLO terrorist acts.

Later in the week, Shultz, in a direct reference to Arafat, said that terrorism and peace do not mix.

In a news release, the CIC argued Canada's position "is contrary to its own policy, which is that individuals known to have been involved in acts of terrorism should not be admitted into Canada...It is in Canada's national interest to maintain a strong stand against terrorism and this can only be done if the government applies that policy consistently."

On the international diplomatic front, America's European allies expressed surprise and anger over the state department's visa refusal, JTA reports.

By mid-week, France had asked the U.S. to reconsider, and a statement released by the foreign ministry was one of the most critical of American policy in recent years.

In Rome, the Italian foreign ministry summoned the U.S. charge d'affaires for consultations. The ministry expressed Italy's "great astonishment" at the decision and hoped it would be changed.

According to JTA, Western European governments attributed American actions to domestic political considerations. That was echoed by French radio and television, which charged that the administration pays more attention to Israel's friends in Congress than to the situation in the Middle East. (In a resounding demonstration of bipartisan support, more than two-thirds of the Senate has informed Shultz they are "extremely pleased" with his decision to bar Arafat from the UN.)

Shamir asks more time to form government

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Moshe Nissim and Levy.

But that apparently did not deter Agudah from siding with Likud.

Rebellion also was rife in Labor's ranks. Several key ministers refused to attach their names to a document outlining Labor's promises to Agudat Yisrael.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he would do so only if the party's leadership bureau approved it. Other influential Labor figures, including Gad Yaacobi and Mordechai Gur, flatly refused.

They saw in the offer to Agudah an implied promise that the Labor leadership would recommend to the party's central committee endorsement of the divisive Who Is a Jew legislation.

In the end, the Agudah politicians made it clear that Likud's pledges on Who Is a Jew were stronger and more satisfactory than Labor's.

But there were rumblings inside Likud with several Knesset members insisting they would not support the Orthodox measure.

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The ultra-Orthodox Agudat Yisrael party had signed an agreement with Labor last week, whereby neither party would join a coalition without the other.

Within hours, Shamir sent Herut powerhouse Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem hotel room to meet with Agudah leaders, in an effort to cajole them out of their deal with Labor.

He reportedly taunted the bearded, black-garbed Agudah Knesset members for entering a bloc with Arab and Communist parties.

Sharon is said to have told them, "Only we (Likud) can give you Who Is a Jew."

The smallest of the religious parties, Degel HaTorah, had announced last week that it would not join a Likud-religious-rightist coalition because a broad-based Likud-Labor government was better for the country.

But it, too, shifted its position.

Earlier, the Labor Party's leadership bureau, in a stunning upset, voted 61-57 against joining Likud in a broad-based coalition government.

The outcome of the secret ballot was a surprise, because, with a single exception, every Labor minister in the outgoing unity government had argued in favor of continuing negotiations with Likud.

Peres and Rabin were among the strongest advocates of a new coalition with Likud.

The only sitting minister opposed was Ezer Weizman, who holds no portfolio in the present cabinet. But powerful circles within Labor, led by the party's secretary-general, Uzi Baram, argued forcefully that Labor's role should be that of a strong opposition.

Leaders lobby

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way. Syme said on the eve of their return home, "The chances have been immeasurably enhanced that the bill will fail."

Meanwhile, representatives of Jewish federations across the United States and Canada are organizing local delegations to lobby Israeli officials on the issue, according to the Council of Jewish Federations.

Representatives of eight major federations were in Israel for meetings last week with Israeli leaders. The cities represented: New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Miami, Chicago, Toronto, Montreal and Metrowest, NJ.

Federations across the U.S. will be sending representatives to a meeting this week in Washington with Moshe Arad, Israel's ambassador to the United States.

And on Dec. 8 Canadian federations are scheduled to hold a meeting in Ottawa with the Israel ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh.

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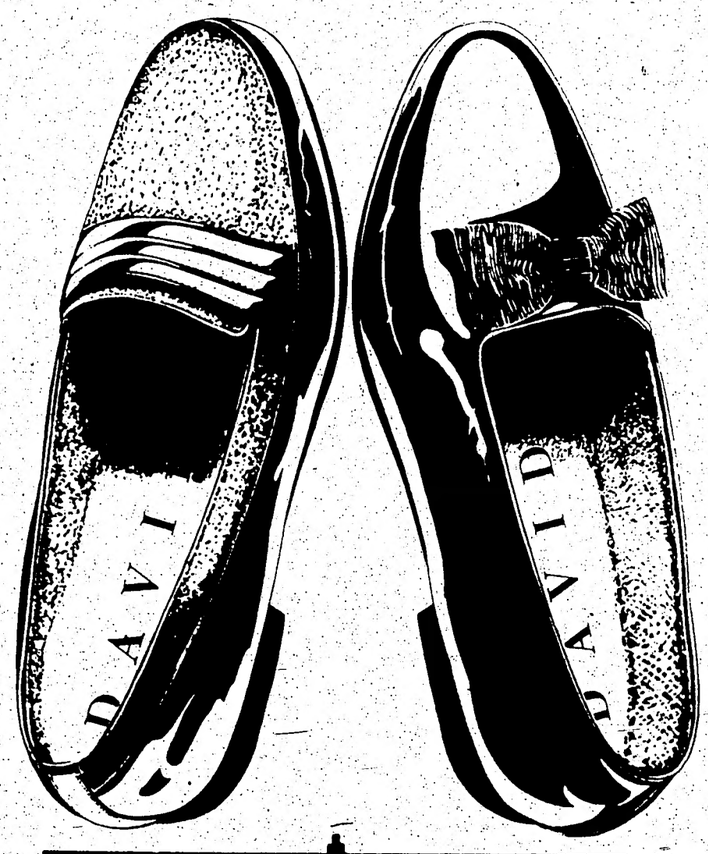

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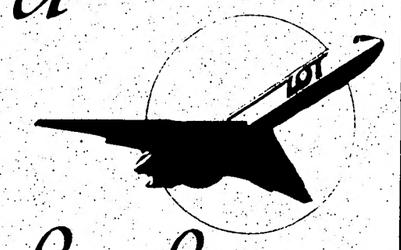

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Orthodox urging change in the law

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contained no direct comment on the amendment. "Jewish organizations outside of Israel should not interfere in the internal affairs of the State of Israel. Israel is a democratic country and should be allowed to govern itself without external pressure..."

"The State of Israel was founded in the name of the entire Jewish people. We call upon all Jews to continue their support of the State of Israel, as well as the vital Jewish institutions of the Diaspora."

The great majority of Orthodox synagogue rabbis in Montreal belong to the RCC, and about 80% of congregations in this city are Orthodox.

Its president, Rabbi Howard Joseph of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, has said that he personally favors leaving the Law of Return as it is.

Poupko said he is also opposed to the amendment because the controversy is not worth the division it is is causing among Jews and between Israel and the Diaspora. He is content with leaving citizenship as a government matter because family law is in the hands of the rabbinate, and any question about converts' status can be dealt with when they marry, divorce or seek other rabbinical sanction.

However, he does not support the federations' approach because he believes it amounts to interference in Israel's affairs.

Amendment of the Law of Return to limit automatic citizenship to those converts who have adopted Judaism according to halacha is "vital for the unity and survival of the Jewish people," the group that went to Israel stated. "Halacha has been the only universally accepted standard for conversion to Judaism for more than 3,000 years, and it will always continue to be so."

The group accused the federations, which oppose the change to the law and have also gone to Israel to present their arguments to the government, of conducting a "propaganda campaign designed to deceive the uninformed public and generate hysteria and hatred among Diaspora Jewry."

The group protested the statement by AJCS president Peter Wolkove, and are disturbed that it was issued despite the fact that the Montreal rabbinate from all denominations had rejected it.

In a statement on behalf of the Montreal Jewish community Nov. 22 to Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office in Israel, Wolkove called the who is a Jew issue a "serious threat" to Jewish unity and said it may exacerbate the "growing gap" between Israel and Diaspora Jews.

Calls for removal

He urged the Israeli government to remove the issue from the political agenda.

The group maintains the opposite: the status quo has created "a fragmented Jewish community — the Orthodox do not recognize Conservative or Reform conversions, and the Conservatives do not recognize Reform conversions."

This view is not discriminatory, they say, because if an Orthodox rabbi performed a conversion not in accordance with Jewish law it would also be invalid.

The group argues that the amendment will stem the "rampant plague of assimilation and intermarriage."

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A delegation of 40 Reform Jewish leaders from communities across Canada met last week with the Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh, to express their concerns about proposed amendments to the Law of Return and the Knesset.

The delegation was led by Rabbi Dow Marmur, president of Kadima-Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, and Norm Yanofsky, president of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations, and Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb, chairman of the Canadian Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

They asked the ambassador to convey their concerns to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, to urge him not to include these issues in the negotiations to form a coalition government, and to remove these and other attempts to define "Who is a Jew?" from the political agenda.

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GENEVA (JTA) — Leaders of European Jewry overwhelmingly approved a resolution last week urging the Israeli government not to amend the Law of Return as demanded by the ultra-Orthodox parties in Israel.

The issue was debated at a conference of the European Zionist Federation and Jewish community representatives here. It was attended by about 150 delegates from 12 Western European countries and from Israel.

The opening session was addressed by Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive.

He said that the organization and he personally would use all legal means at their disposal to prevent the government or either of the two major parties in Israel — Labor and Likud — from introducing a bill in the Knesset to have the law changed.

The amendment, known as Who Is a Jew, would deny automatic Israeli citizenship to persons converted by non-Orthodox rabbis.

Dinitz noted that the Israeli government's covenant with the Jewish Agency prohibits it from taking measures affecting Diaspora Jews without prior consultation with the Jewish Agency Executive.

The resolution urged the Israeli government to bear in mind the need for the unity of the Jewish people.

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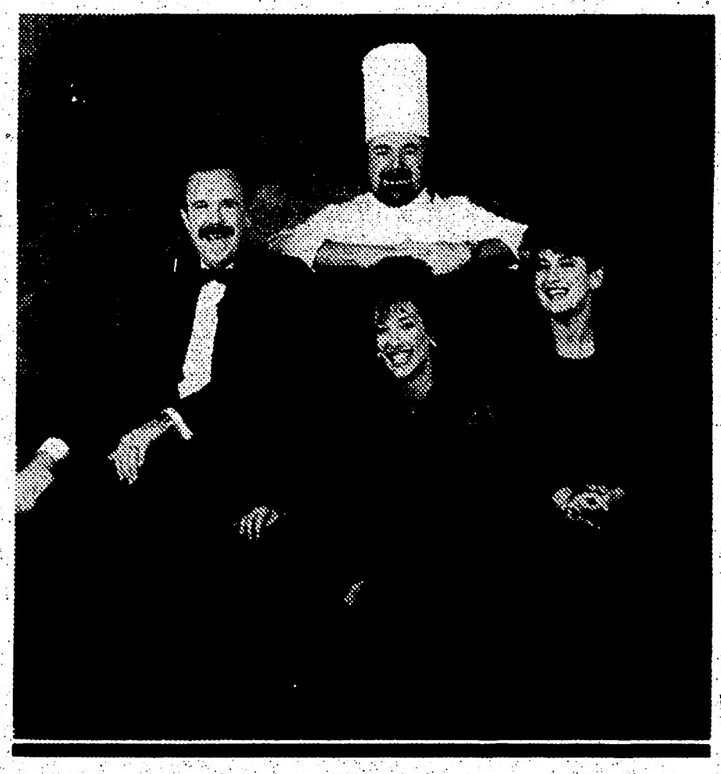

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Called "pigs" by ultra-Orthodox

Diaspora women attacked at prayers

JERUSALEM (JTA) — About 100 Diaspora Jewish women, many of them Americans, were called "pigs" and otherwise harassed by religious extremists when they held a prayer service last week at the Western Wall in Jerualem's Old City.

The worshipers, who were among 500 women from 25 countries attending the first International Conference on the Empowerment of Jewish Women, were the targets of insults and curses by ultra-Orthodox men and women who pray regularly at the holy site.

A Reconstructionist rabbi from Toronto, Deborah Brin, conducted the service, which marked the final day of the conference.

As the feminists, many wearing skullcaps and prayer shawls, prayed and read from the Torah, black-garbed men shouted and pounded on the wooden barricades that separate male and female worshipers at the wall.

Said one pious Jew, "The spectacle of a woman carrying the Torah is as scandalous as bringing pigs to the Kotel," as the Western Wall is known in Hebrew.

"In the name of God I protest," shouted another. "This is a holy place for all of Israel and they are defiling it."

An elderly Orthodox woman pushed and shoved the foreign women, screaming that they were desecrating the Torah.

"Disgraceful," snorted Rabbi Yehuda Getz, the functionary in charge of the Western Wall. He was referring to the foreign women, not the behavior of his ultra-Orthodox colleagues.

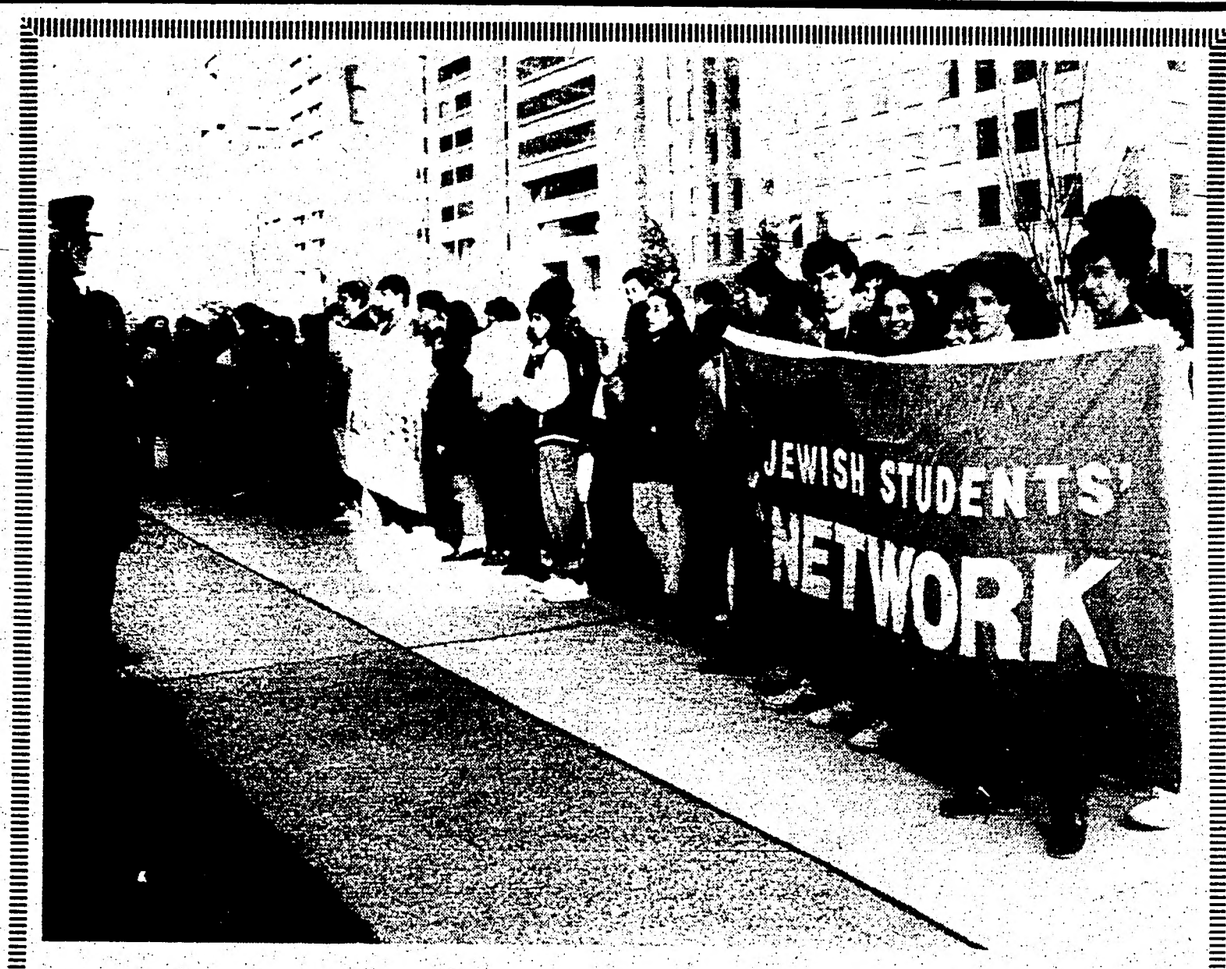
Getz promised to report the "outrage" of women carrying the Torah to Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer.

He conceded to reporters that the prayer session did not itself violate halacha (religious law). But the wall "is a holy place, not a place for demonstrations," he said.

The target of the attack seemed to accept it with equanimity. Helene Ferris, a Reform rabbi from New York, told reporters, "We came here to pray. That's all."

Naomi Lazarus of New York said, "We showed that we have a right to pray like anyone else. They're entitled to protest, but we're entitled to pray."

But author Blu Greenberg, also of New York, said it was "unfortunate that something like this turns their world upside down. They should realize that prayer isn't only for men. It would be nice if they could accept reality," said Greenberg, who is Orthodox.



NETWORK BACKS U.S. MOVE

The American consulate in downtown Toronto was the scene of a demonstration last week in which the Jewish Students Network applauded the U.S. decision not to grant the PLO's Yasser Arafat a visa. [Graphic Artists photo]

2,000 turn out in Vienna

Peace monument unveiled

VIENNA (JTA) — A giant monument symbolizing hatred of war and fascism was unveiled in Vienna's historic inner city recently in icy weather amid heated controversy.

About 2,000 persons braved frigid temperatures, among them Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, Mayor Helmut Zilk of Vienna and several other prominent members of the ruling Socialist Party.

But their coalition partners, the conservative People's Party, was notably absent. The conservatives ordered their dignitaries not to attend.

One could only guess whether this was only because the sculptor, Alfred Hrdliczka, once belonged to the Communist Party, or because the conservatives, the party of President Kurt Waldheim, were uneasy about such a reminder of the past in the centre of old Vienna.

The work fills almost the entire square of the inner city, behind the Opera House. It consists of four sections.

The first is Door to Violence, hewn in marble and granite. Then a bronze figure depicts a Jew forced to clean the cobblestones of Vienna. A third section is a marble statue titled Orpheus Entering Hades, the realm of the dead.

A fourth column is engraved with quotations from Austria's Declaration of Independence of April 1945.

The location of the monument was opposed by many who live in the inner city and by the conservatives.

They argued that under the square are the remains of several hundred people killed in one of the last U.S. air raids on Vienna in March 1945. After the war, the municipality decreed that no house could be built on the site.

But defenders of the monument said this is only a pretext to isolate reminders of the Nazi era on the fringes of the city, where they would not be noticed by many visitors and tourists.

Erika Weinzierl, a Viennese professor of modern history, said at the unveiling that history is part of the identity of a country and that one has to accept the bad as well as the good to build a democratic future.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clerics each spoke briefly. The Chief Rabbi of Vienna, Paul Chaim Eisenberg, said, "This monument has not been dedicated to the murderers and not to the victims."

He explained that "the first would not understand and the second are unable to see it. It is dedicated to all people. It ought to teach them not to look away if injustice is perpetrated in their environment," the rabbi said.

U.S. group debates Canadian hate laws

By DAVID SNYDERMAN

BUFFALO, NY — Panelists engaged in a lively discussion about the Canadian law which criminalizes the incitement of hatred toward identifiable groups in an event at the University of Buffalo Law School.

Alan Borovoy, general consul to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, summed up the problem facing the panel in the 1988 Mitchell Lecture.

"When we see after all we've been through in this century, this kind of racist invective, that has to fill us with a kind of outrage. It fills us with gall to hear 'there was no Holocaust,' Borovoy said.

"It is understandable that in all of us who are civilized, there would be a kind of impulse to suppress that. How do we square that with a desire for freedom of speech?"

Borovoy, unlike many others on the panel, said that he believes it is necessary to grant free speech to hate groups in order to preserve that same liberty for the innocent people (like Jews, Blacks, Hispanics, and others) that the hate groups target.

"The critical question that must arise is how are you going to form a prohibition that will nail the racist invective without catching in the same net all kinds of other speech which need to be expressed."

Kathleen Mahoney, a law professor at the University of Calgary, disagreed with Borovoy. She said that hate speech and pornography are so dangerous to society and its component groups that some freedoms need to be restricted.

"I think it is important to remember how hate propaganda, by the Nazi party, led in rapid succession to the breaking of shop windows of Jewish merchants, to the seizure of their property, to the expulsion of Jews from their professions, to the establishment of concentration camps, and finally, to the gas chambers."

Mahoney said that this example "demonstrates how target groups are hurt, physically and emotionally" by such propaganda.

Mari Matsuda, a law professor at the University of Hawaii, said the damage done to victims of hate speech is compounded by government's inaction. "The institutional processes under which we live tacitly endorse and validate the harm by refusing to respond to hate speech."

"I support the existence of these laws as a legislative tool to support the foundation and principles of Canadian democracy," said Barry Brown, a Toronto-based freelance journalist, as he explained that "barring hatemongering speech should be no different than the innumerable other types of speech and activities and products that society controls without clear or present danger requirements: regulations aimed at maintaining societies long term goals and objectives."

David Goldberger who teaches law at Ohio state disagreed, saying that free speech is too important to put it at risk by limiting it even to protect minority groups.

"My view is that political speech is the centrepiece of democracy," Goldberger said. "I think, in fact, that suppression of racist communication, suppression of offensive political communication in the political marketplace, is not going to accomplish what many of you believe it will."

Brown did not concur. "Hate as in bigotry is not like other political views . . . hate is the oldest, most destructive human reaction to fear. It is predicated on destruction.

"Hate is the acid that eats away at our nation and at our community and at our neighborhood. It destroys the values that keep society together."

Tobacco tax a problem

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's low tax on cigarettes may prevent it from becoming a full-fledged trading partner with the European Community.

The 12 nations of the community are trying to reduce smoking for health reasons by, among other things, heavily taxing tobacco products.

But the Israeli finance ministry sharply reduced the tobacco tax last year. A pack of cigarettes that cost $2.50 in Britain averages about 60 cents in Israel.

These facts were raised at the first European Conference on Smoking Prevention held in Madrid last month. It was pointed out that cigarettes sell in Israel more cheaply than in most other countries.

The conference recommended a series of measures to restrict smoking in public places and to raise the price of cigarettes.

If the EC countries adopt these measures and Israel does not, Israel may not be accepted as a full trading partner.

Amos Hausner, legal adviser to the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking, hopes the EC decision will force the government and Knesset to take tougher measures against smoking, including a higher cigarette tax.

Hausner was quoted by the Jerusalem Post as saying that the lowered tobacco tax increased the portion of the Israeli population that smokes from 29 to 36% this year, after a steady drop in recent years.

The health ministry also welcomed the recommendations of the Madrid conference. It promised to work with the ministry of commerce and industry for a substantial increase in the tobacco tax, despite opposition by the finance ministry.

It's a second girl for the Sharanskys

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Refusenik Natan Sharansky became the proud father of a baby girl last week.

His wife, Avital, gave birth at Hasassah Hospital here. It was a normal delivery. The infant weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

She is the Sharanskys' second child. Their first, daugher Rachel, was born two years ago, nine months after Sharansky was released from the Soviet gulag in February 1986.

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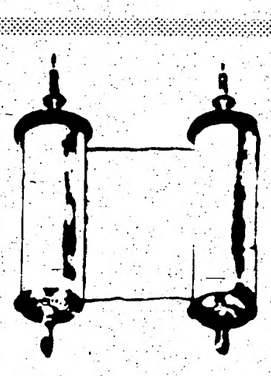

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

CHANUKAH 5749/Parshat Meekaytz

It is never too late to light up your life. Chanukah is not just for lighting candles but for setting our neshamas ablaze.

The chassidim teach: On Rosh Hashanah it is inscribed what our futures will be; on Yom Kippur it is sealed; until Hoshanah Rabbah we still have time to reverse the decision on our fates; but on Chanukah the decree goes out! What does that mean? But until Chanukah, we still — still! — have time to do teshuvah, to earn a blessing for ourselves.

Rabbi Gottesman

Once a chassidic rabbi taught this concept to his followers, and one of them, a simple fellow, approached the rabbi, his eyes aglow. "Rabbi," he said joyously, "you answered a difficult question I've always had. In the Netaneh Tokkef that we say every Rosh Hashanah, we talk about our fates, and we say "mee bichaneekah" (literally, who will die from choking). I always wondered, what does Chanukah ('channekah') have to do with Rosh Hashanah? But now I understand!" (Birkat Chaim)

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There is a strange passage in the Talmud about Chanukah.

For every holiday, the Mishnah rushes headlong into the "halachot" concerning the Yom Tov. No questions, no problems — this is the Halacha of Passover, the laws of Yom Kippur, etc., etc. Only with Chanukah does the Talmud begin quizzically — "Mai Chanukah?! Di'tanu rabbonon . . . What is Chanukah?! But the rabbis learned . . ." and then the story of Chanukah is unfolded.

Why this special introduction — "Mai Chanukah?! What is Chanukah?!"

Commented the brilliant Reb Meir Schapiro; The Talmud was asking a deeper question. "Mai Chanukah? What is the *secret* of Chanukah? How is it that we, the Jewish people, who have been set upon in every generation, who have been constantly surrounded by enemies, who are faced with threats from every side, who can so easily lose our identity in Kleinberg or Unionville or Nanaimo or Brandon, who have to face the world that bends over backwards to invite a Yasser Arafat — excuse me, **Mr.** Yasser Arafat, the world shakes and wishes him a hearty **yasher koach** — how can we withstand all this?

What is the secret of Chanukah?

What is the secret of the Jewish people?

The answer? "Di'tanu rabbonon . . . The rabbis learned!, The rabbis taught!" There is a Torah, a way of life, a holiness, a candle lit in every Jewish neshama, a wisdom, a mysterious bond with the Eternal One, and that bond of light, of Torah, can never be extinguished!

We have a beautiful Torah, a beautiful Jewish way of life, a beautiful Jewish way of thinking, of utter faith and confidence in the Almighty, a Halachah, a Jewish road, that even if all the storms and earthquakes and tornadoes of the world swirl and thunder around us, we will survive. We will survive. Israel will not be destroyed. Never.

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Chanukah teaches good qualities.

Reb Shmuel of Slonim once prepared a menorah for himself on the eve of Shabbat, oil and wicks at the ready. But before he lit it, he went to hear his grandfather — the Yessod Ho'avodah — recite the blessings on his menorah.

One of the guests at Reb Shmuel's home saw the menorah all ready for lighting, did not think too long, and lit the menorah. When Reb Shmuel returned he found the menorah lit, and it was too late to set another one.

Ferfallen — too late! Reb Shmuel took a deep breath and said: "The same Almighty who commanded us to light the menorah also commanded us not to get angry!" And he went off happily to the synagogue.

May we always be happy. May we always be bright. Shabbat Shalom.

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Difficulties regarding Mideast policy

Cotler forsees future problems

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

In Canada and to a lesser extent in the U.S., difficulties may lie ahead regarding Mideast policy, a recent symposium on Israel and the Diaspora after the Elections was told.

That was the message delivered by Prof. Irwin Cotler and U.S. Mideast expert John Rothmann at the symposium on Israel and the Diaspora after the Elections sponsored by the international affairs and the community action for Israel committees of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Irwin Cotler

"In the 1990s, Canadian Jewry is going to find itself in an increasingly adversarial relation with whatever government is in power," said Cotler, a professor of Law at McGill University and one of Canada's foremost human rights advocates.

Cotler explained that in Canada, the Palestinians have been transformed from a Middle East to a human rights issue — indeed, to one of the central human rights issues of our time. From this perspective, "as long as Israel appears to be denying Palestinain self-determination, it has no case, no standing to even make a case."

There is a consensus on Israel in the U.S. but a more positive one, said John Rothmann, a foreign policy consultant specializing in Middle East affairs and a former advisor to Senator Frank Church and President Richard Nixon. "In the U.S. to be anti-Israel is to be anti-American," he added.

Cotler said that in Canada "to be anti-Israel is not to be anti-Canadian." On the contrary, "to be pro-Israel is to run into trouble." Consequently, the Jewish community is "out of synch" with the Canadian mainstream.

"To the extent that we rebut Palestinian self-determination, we are estranged from the zietgeist [the spirit] of our time. . . . To the extent that we internalize it, we may become estranged — at least psychologically — from Israel," said Cotler.

He suggested that the Jewish community has to "guard against Middle East revisionism." The central fact of the Arab-Israeli conflict has been and continues to be the legitimacy of a Zionist state," the professor said.

The Jewish community should not allow this fact to be obscured by any rewriting of history, Cotler stressed.

He warned against writing off human rights groups. "If we abandon human rights groups in Canada, we abandon the possibility of influencing foreign policy in Canada," said Cotler.

Cotler also noted that Canada is very much a law-oriented culture. "When you say what Israel is doing is illegal . . . that's very different from saying what Israel is doing is wrong . . . It resonates much more strongly."

On a less upbeat note, Rothmann also said, "There is reason to be concerned about George Bush." Rothmann noted that in 1981 after Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor, Bush urged that America should impose sanctions against Jerusalem.

In 1982 after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Bush again urged sanctions. And in 1987 during the Iran-Contra affair, he tried to shift some of the blame onto Israel.

Intifada alters political mood

TORONTO —

The intifada has switched the political feelings of Israelis from the left to the right, says Avinoam Bar-Yosef, a senior journalist specializing in West Bank and Gaza affairs for the Israeli newspaper, Maariv.

The Palestinians have won their pride back, but lost the sympathy of Israeli liberals, because the Palestinians didn't stop their revolt at the Green Line, said Bar-Yosef, one of the panelists at a recent symposium on Israel and the Diaspora after the Elections sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Carrying the revolt into Israel proper made the Israelis fear that the Palestinians really wanted a one-Palestine solution rather than a separate Palestinian state, he told the audience at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue.

"As long as the Palestinians are denying my rights to be there (in Israel), it will be difficult for the Israelis to support peace initiatives," said Bar-Yosef.

The Palestinians have to convince the Israelis that after an Israeli compromise on the territories, they (the Palestinians) "will turn their aspirations to the east, to Jordan." The West Bank and the Gaza strip are too small for a state, Bar-Yosef said.

Bar-Yosef said that the intifada does not have an overall leadership above the village level, but is directed by a "group of copywriters" — a small group of intellectuals who write the pamphlets that give the intifada its direction.

The intifada has reached a crucial point, said Bar-Yosef. "I am not so sure the people can continue this struggle . . . That was the reason for the pressure for the PNC (the Palestinian National Council) to declare independence."

Bar-Yosef said that "when the children of the stones see the media they start to demonstrate, because they have a message . . . It is wrong to say the media is unfair," said Bar-Yosef, but "they are used, as the media is always used."

"The media did not come to Israel with a bias," Bar-Yosef stated, adding the perceived situation is "against Israel . . . The story shows the struggle of a people against an occupier." In the circumstances, it was inevitable that coverage would become slanted against Israel.

Looking to the immediate future, Bar-Yosef said that it is likely that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will propose a new autonomy arrangement for the territories. "There's a real possibility of discussion between Shamir and local representatives from the West Bank," said Bar-Yosef.

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Organizations and People

Priest says church needs to be prodded

Push Vatican to recognize Israel, lecture told

By PHIL FINE

TORONTO — The Vatican will only recognize Israel if Jews keep demanding that it do so, a Roman Catholic scholar on anti-semitism recently told an audience here.

Speaking at the 4th annual Alan Coatsworth lecture at Upper Canada College, Father Edward Flannery said the Vatican should recognize the Jewish state but won't unless it is continually prodded.

Flannery, author of Anguish of the Jews: 23 Centuries of Anti-Semitism, was one of three speakers at the lecture, co-sponsored by The Young Maccabees and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

He was joined on the platform by John Berthrong of the United Church of Canada and Rabbi Lawrence Troster of Shaareh Haim Congregation in Richmond Hill.

Although it will probably be some time before diplomatic recognition comes about, said Flannery, de facto recognition already exists. In fact, relations between the two parties have been steadily improving.

"The present Pope has said more favorable things about Israel than all the other Popes combined," Flannery told one questioner.

Because Jew hatred is over 2,000 years old, he explained, "all Christians are consciously or unconsciously anti-semitic."

And even though church anti-Semitism, has been on the decline, secular anti-semitism has been on the rise, he said.

Flannery, who called anti-semitism history's greatest hatred, urged Christians to become aware of the importance for Jews of both the Holocaust and the State of Israel.

Too often, he said, Christian-Jewish dialogue in the United States has treated Israel with a certain ambiguity and ambivalence. Encounters, he added, have emphasized philosophical ruminations instead of genuine understanding.

"Extended theological discussions can wait," he told his listeners. "Reconciliation can not."

The goal of any dialogue, he continued, "must be the reconciliation of Jewish and Christian peoples — millions strong."

Troster, who followed Flannery, told one member of the audience that Christians must ensure their criticism of Israel is fair — and not merely a mask for anti-Jewish bias.

The questioner had asked how Christians should respond to the condition of Palestinians under the intifada.

Troster said those who express concern for Palestinians lead Jews to ask why Christians remained silent when Jews were thrown out of Arab lands.

Earlier, Troster spoke of the importance of Jews joining other faith groups in joint social action.

But Third World concerns, he warned, would find scant welcome among Jews if the concerns were tied to a "ritualistic condemnation of Israel."

Berthrong, associate secretary for his church's world outreach program, spoke of the necessity of expanding the Jewish-Christian dialogue to embrace other faiths.

Bhuddists, he said, see Canadian Jews as a role model because of the many contributions they have managed to make while still holding on to their identity.

Berthrong said that because the world is now "self-conscious of its pluralism," there is a growing attempt to grapple with the universality of faith traditions.

But this, he added, has spawned a rise in religious particularism which could be dangerous if allowed to relapse into age-old hostility.

School board changes policy on meetings

VAUGHAN, Ont. — The York Region Board of Education brought former trustee Ted Berger's crusade to a successful close last week by deciding to allow for the rescheduling of meetings which conflict with religious holidays.

Trustees voted 14-2 to amend board bylaws to permit the rescheduling of up to three board or committee meetings which fall on days of religious observance.

Requests for changes must be made when the board draws up its annual calendar.

The amendments also require trustees to reschedule agenda items when requested to do so by a delegation unable to attend a meeting because of a conflict with a religious holiday.

Berger, who was the board's only Jewish member, had repeatedly tried during the last three years to get trustees to reschedule meetings set for Jewish holidays.

On Sept. 1, he filed a complaint against the board with the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Berger, whose term ended Dec. 1, says the new policy isn't perfect "but goes a long way to recognizing sensitivity to race matters and multiculturalism in York Region."

But he still wants the Commission to investigate his complaint because of what he says was the board's insensitivity to the commission's inquiries.

The board told the commission in October that it had no jurisdiction to deal with the complaint because Berger was not a board employee.

Berger, who lost a bid for Vaughan town council in last month's municipal elections, says he has not ruled out another run for the school board. — **P.F.**

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Organizations and People

UIA's Reuven Rosenfelder:

Needs of social programs prevail over politics

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

GUELPH, Ont. —
Israeli politics shouldn't cloud the need for funding for social programs, says a United Israel Appeal of Canada official.

"At the present time, we must remember that our concern is people — not politics or parties," said Reuven Rosenfelder, national communications director.

Funds raised by UIA of Canada go to Israelis living in development towns and Project Renewal communities along the northern border near Lebanon and in the Galilee and Negev, he said.

"Their needs have not changed," he said. "We can't let them down because of what is happening in politics and the parties."

Rosenfelder made the comments at a recent parlor meeting held here at the suburban Woodland Glen home of Robert Jacobs and his wife Marilyn.

About 15 leading members of Guelph's Jewish community attended the 2½-hour coffee and dessert event, held to kickoff the local UIA of Canada fund raising campaign.

During the evening, Rosenfelder presented a slide show describing Jewish Agency activities in Israel which are supported by UIA of Canada funds. Programs such as aliya, education, settlement and Project Renewal were outlined.

Rosenfelder — introduced by Goldie Barth, Guelph's UIA campaign co-chairman — also reported on recent developments in the situation of Soviet Jews.

He spoke about an increase in immigration as well as Soviet Jews' greater freedom in practicing their religion and becoming involved in Judaism and Hebrew studies.

Monty Albert, Guelph's longtime UIA campaign co-chairman, later thanked Rosenfelder. He called on the town's Jewish community to help support Israel.

"We cannot let the people of Israel down," he stated. "It is our responsibility."

In an interview, Albert, a local merchant, said the meeting helped update the community on current events in Israel and provided information on how UIA funds are used.

"Basically we were enthused with our participation as investors in Israel," he said.

Barth, a social worker, said: "It made us feel as though we're more in touch with Israel.

"Rather than reading about the events in papers, there seemed to be a feeling we had heard it from the horse's mouth."

Both Albert and Barth described Guelph's Jewish population of about 60 families as "stable." Many longtime residents have left for larger communities in the past decade, but younger professional Jews have arrived to take their place.

Guelph's Jewish community boasts a congregation dating back to the early 1900s. Originally called the Guelph Hebrew Congregation, it was renamed Beth Isaiah Synagogue when it was incorporated in the early 1940s, said longtime resident Abraham Acker, a past president of the shul.

Rabbi Tzvi Berman said the shul runs after school Hebrew classes for about 22 children, and a Jewish nursery school on Sundays for about a dozen toddlers.

"The community is not as active as it could be, but it's interested in educating the children in Judaism," said Berman, who has been the shul's spiritual leader for the past 1½ years.

"School attendance is quite good."

Barth said the community also has a local 50-member Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada chapter called Ir Shalom.

However, a once active local chapter of B'nai B'rith Canada is now dormant, said Acker, who is a past chapter president.

At the recent UIA meeting in Guelph are (from left) Monty Albert, Goldie Barth, Reuven Rosenfelder, Robert Jacobs and his wife Marilyn.

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Bassett's Negev Dinner proves family affair

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish National Fund's prestigious Negev Dinner became somewhat of a family affair as the son of a previous honoree was himself honored for his contributions to the State of Israel and its environment.

CFTO-TV president Douglas Bassett, son of Toronto's 1971 Negev Dinner honoree John Bassett, was honored for his concern over environmental problems in Israel. As a result, the Foundation for Environmental Action has been established in his name.

Bassett told his audience of over 1,000 from the Jewish and non-Jewish community at the Royal York Hotel that any delays in tackling environmental problems will only make solutions that much more difficult to implement. Therefore, he stressed, the time to act is now.

"Time is passing by so quickly and with it so many opportunities to reverse the havoc that has tormented and now threatens the very life we enjoy. To abuse the planet now is to abuse life itself."

Bassett lashed out at terrorists who have destroyed hundreds of thousands of trees in JNF forests in many parts of Israel, saying these acts constitute crimes against humanity.

He also praised JNF for turning the desert into "lush pockets of vegetation" and stressed the importance of providing the state with continued support.

"It has become a beacon of democracy, a light unto the nations of the world," said Bassett, who recently returned from Israel. "All of us must continue to work together for the cause of a strong and vibrant Israel."

This year's Negev Dinner chairman Irving Gerstein praised Bassett for his unswerving loyalty to people and causes — including Israel.

"There have been times when it has been easier to stand by Israel's side. For some this is not the time to be counted. However this is not Doug Bassett."

Benjamin Abileah, consul-general of Israel to Ontario and Western Canada, paid tribute to the honoree and stressed the need for continued support for the Jewish state.

"This is a time when Israel has to grapple with some crucial dilemmas," he said. "Therefore it is a time when Israel needs reassurance and reaffirmation of friendship of people such as you."

Abileah also praised JNF for "turning a desert into a blooming environment.

"We will not finish with 200 million trees," he stated. "The Negev is still waiting for its restoration. JNF developed ways that are and will continue to be shared with the rest of the world to fight the desert."

Neri Bloomfield, national president of JNF, brought greetings from the national office, pointing out that 17 years earlier her husband, who was then president, was paying tribute to the honoree of the day, John Bassett.

"Like his father before him, Douglas has learned an appreciation of Israel and all it has to give," she said, presenting Bassett with the Negev Dinner citation. "His name, like that of his father, is now linked with Israel's history."

Alan Posluns, president of JNF Toronto, paid tribute to those who helped make the dinner and campaign leading up to it a success, including Gerstein and master of ceremonies Kenneth Field, who were named leading canvassers in the Top Gifts Division, Paul Slavens and Albert Mandel who were cited for their work in the Special Tribute Division and Robert Ziner, Lewis Moses and Mark Sager who were named top canvassers in the General Canvass Division.

He also presented Frances Mandell with the Bernard M. Bloomfield Medal for "outstanding efforts" on behalf of JNF for almost 20 years of service.

Field pointed out that while JNF has planted 200 million trees since the State of Israel came into existence in 1948, it still has almost as many to plant.

However the agency does more than just plant trees. Field told his audience. He said JNF acts as land developer for Israel, clearing the land, removing rocks, bringing in topsoil, and putting in roads, watermains, sewers, electricity, telephone lines and irrigation systems to make communities possible. As a result, JNF has helped create over 1,000 communities and has transformed over 200,000 acres of desert into agricultural land.

During a video on Israel — formatted as a CTV National News newscast and introduced by Lloyd Robertson and Sandy Rinaldo — Moshe Rivlin, chairman of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, said "Israel is the only country where forests are not created by nature and the only one where forests are not destroyed by nature."

The news anchors also presented a brief sketch of Bassett's life and his involvement in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities which includes serving as chairman of the World Wildlife Fund of Canada, vice-president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Toronto Chapter, and president of the Canadian Robert F. Kennedy Memorial.

Bassett is a trustee for the Hospital for Sick Children, governor for the National Ballet Company of Canada and director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Bassett is married to the former Susan Temple and the couple have three daughters Deborah, Stephanie and Jennifer.

Field also had the honor of introducing the head table guests which included Bassett and his wife Susan, Abileah and his wife Ruth, Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander and his wife Yvonne, Keren Kayemeth representative Yehoshua Bar-Am and his wife Meira, Bloomfield, Yehuda Danzig, executive director of JNF Toronto, and his wife Etty, Kim Pharand, Gerstein and his wife Gail, national executive director Michael Goldstein and his wife Leah, Cantor Benjamin Maissner, from Holy Blossom Temple, and his wife Hope, Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple and his wife Fredzia, Father Sean O'Sullivan, who gave the invocation, and Posluns and his wife Sandy.

Douglas Bassett (centre) was this year's honoree at the Jewish National Fund's Toronto Negev Dinner. With Bassett is (from left) master of ceremonies Kenneth Field and dinner chairman Irving Gerstein. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Paul Berger helped liberate Maidanek

Winnipegger given war medal by Polish govt.

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Paul Berger is an authentic war hero, a fact recognized when, during the General Monash Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion's annual remembrance service at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, the Polish government in the person of Montreal-based Vice-Consul Jerzy Palasz presented the 65-year-old Winnipeger a medal for his contributions on the Eastern Front from 1941 to 1945.

As a driver and infantryman, Berger saw it all. He was wounded at Stalingrad. His unit liberated Maidanek and the prisoner-of-war camp in which thousands of Canadians captured at Dieppe was interned, Gdansk, Warsaw, Lublin and Chelm as well as occupying north Germany.

For the 18-year-old Berger living in southwest Poland, the ticket to freedom and life was his ability to drive a truck. He was a driver for a brewery when the Russians occupied his area in 1939. As a driver, the Russians mobilized him in 1941 for the war effort. He retreated with the Russians through Kiev and Kharkov to Stalingrad where he was made an infantryman in the Red Army.

After recovering from wounds he received at Stalingrad, Berger joined a Polish unit being assembled by the Russians. In order to enlist, he had to take a Polish name. "You weren't allowed to join if you had a Jewish-sounding name," he recalled. "The Germans automatically killed the PoWs with Jewish sounding names.

"There were many Jews in my unit, including officers, with assumed Polish names. We knew who we were. Many of our best soldiers were Jewish. We were more motivated than other Eastern Europeans. Many of us were killed with nobody knowing we were Jews." Ours was a much decorated unit but nobody ever mentions the Jews who died fighting for Poland."

Berger received 13 medals during the war, one of which he earned as a driver in the first battle of Smolensk, where, he recalled, "our trucks were stuck in the mud."

In the winter of 1944, poor nutrition and life in foxholes took their toll. He was sent behind the lines to recuperate.

While returning to action albeit still weak, he met and made an impression on a Russian officer who was to become chief of staff of his brigade. Berger became the officer's official driver for the duration of the war.

Berger met his wife, Eva, near war's end in Poland. They were married in Warsaw in October, 1945, in a double ceremony with another couple, the Spinaks, who are also in Winnipeg now. They managed to find a synagogue and a rabbi.

Although they returned to Poland at war's end, a pogrom in Cracow convinced them there was no future for Jews in Poland. Berger found an uncle in France through whom he learned of family in Winnipeg. The Bergers arrived in Winnipeg in 1949. Berger left his medals behind with his uncle who sold them.

"At the time, I didn't care about the medals," he said. "Lately however, with people saying the Jews didn't defend themselves, I felt it was time someone stood up and reminded the world. I wanted to show that Jews fought, too, and many of us died fighting. So I decided to demand the Polish government give me the medals due me."

Lately, he noted, the Polish government's attitude has been changing. "Poland wants better relations with Canada and Canadian Jewish businessmen so it is trying to whitewash its record and be nice to Jews," he said. "But we are not deceived."

Still, he was surprised how quickly the Poles reacted. Vice-consul Palasz wrote to say he would be in Winnipeg to present the medal in person.

"I'm active in our Jewish legion branch," said Berger. "I thought it would be fitting if I received the medal in the context of our annual memorial.

"Palasz and I established a good rapport, but it was a real eye opener for him and his vice-consul seeing a synagogue service and hearing the choir. They were impressed. It was a good ceremony."

Funeral home helps charities

TORONTO —

Steeles College Memorial Chapel believes Jews should be buried with dignity according to Jewish law and tradition, says the funeral home's president.

Grieving relatives also shouldn't be subjected to high pressure sales techniques aimed at increasing profits, Harvey Lister says.

And at the year's end revenues should be distributed to a variety of both Jewish and non-Jewish charities, he says.

"This is what Steeles College Memorial Chapel is all about."

Harvey Lister (second from right) presents check to Eric Feldbloom, B'nai B'rith Foundation director, as Steeles College's Gordon Donsky (left) and Ken Bodenstein, vice-president and manager, respectively, look on.

Lister — along with a 19-member committee including volunteers like Gordon Donsky, Mike Rogow, Marvin Lister and Ernie Marmurek — runs Canada's largest non-profit Jewish funeral home.

Steeles College — which recently donated a large sum to B'nai B'rith Foundation for human rights work, youth development and other programs — received its charter from the Province of Ontario in 1927 when Toronto's burgeoning Jewish population was only 35,000.

"Thank G-d over the generations there have been Jews committed to the ultimate mitzvah of gemilut hasidim — that of attending to the deceased and ensuring they are buried with due respect and in the tradition of our fathers."

Lister says Steeles College's prices are flexible and no one is ever turned away for lack of money.

"Conversely, we would never permit certain things for any sum," he says. Services which the funeral home will not perform include embalming and cremation which are contrary to Jewish law.

"Especially after the Holocaust when millions of Jews were incinerated in the crematoria of Auschwitz and other Nazi death camps, it's reprehensible to suggest that Jews should voluntarily wish for their remains or those of their loved ones to be cremated."

Steeles College serves the entire Jewish community from Orthodox to secular. Lister notes with pride.

Two head London Bonds drive

By
MOURA WOLPERT

LONDON, Ont. —

An old-timer and a newcomer have been named to the 1989 Bonds campaign here, announces State of Israel Bonds.

Ralph Waldman, elder statesman of the London Jewish community, has accepted the position of consultant-senior advisor as well as that of honorary chairman of the London State of Israel Bonds campaign while Dr. Fabian Gorodzinsky becomes general campaign chairman.

A Polish-born survivor, Waldman was brought to London after the war by relatives, the Silverstein family, in whose frozen food and fish company he worked until his retirement some years ago.

Waldman has been actively involved with Israel Bonds since its inception in Canada in 1953 and has served as chairman, associate chairman and treasurer. Elected to the national board of governors of State of Israel Bonds in 1961, he remains a member to this day.

Dr. Fabian Gorodzinsky

Ralph Waldman

An Orthodox Jew, Waldman has taken an active part in all facets of Jewish life here and is regarded as "godfather" of the community.

"Once in a while someone like that comes along," remarked a friend about the man who has been named honorary president or chairman of practically every organization here.

Pleased to see new faces joining the Bonds organization here, Waldman intends to work on behalf of Israel Bonds for many more years to come and looks forward to his renewed active involvement on his return from Florida, where he is spending the winter with his wife, Lillian.

The newcomer to the Bonds organization is pediatrician Dr. Fabian Gorodzinsky, a native of Mexico, who spent one and one half years in Israel before settling in London in 1979.

Married to Adela and the father of three children, Dr. Gorodzinsky has been actively involved with the Hebrew day school here, where he is a member of the board and has served two years as chairman.

Bonds is a new challenge for Gorodzinsky, who is in the process of forming a committee which will meet in early January to plan the forthcoming and, he hopes, successful 1989 campaign.

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Organizations and People

Organization draws on vast fund of goodwill, says director

Tehilla uses personal approach to help olim

By
GLORIA DEUTSCH

TORONTO —

"The Jewish Agency with a kipa on" is how some people view Tehila, the Union for Religious Aliya, but it is a mistaken view says Yitzhak Tevet, the founder and director of the organization in Israel.

"We work in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the ministry of absorption, but our approach is much more personal," explained Tevet, who visited Toronto recently.

"We use the well-known 'protektzia' system to help people, firstly to find jobs through our many connections, secondly to place people in communities with like-minded veteran olim sharing similar cultural backgrounds and language."

Tehila, which was started in 1983, has been so successful that even with the handicap of a minimal budget, it was awarded the Speaker of the Knesset's annual prize for excellence in the field of aliya and absorption in 1987.

Working from a busy office in Tel Aviv with 2½ salaried officials, the organization draws on a vast fund of goodwill and volunteer spirit from its many members living in Israel.

"If someone comes on aliya and is looking for work, we immediately put him in touch with potential employers in his field using what is basically 'protektzia,' that is our personal contacts, or we match him up with someone in the same field who can advise and guide him. We consider job satisfaction the most important prerequisite for successful aliya."

To this end Tehila organizes several highly subsidized pilot tours every year which help people explore job and housing possibilities. These tours include many job interviews, arranged by Tehila, and home hospitality evenings in which prospective olim can see how Israelis live and how immigrants have adapted to conditions in Israel.

Yitzhak Tevet

"We also help people to stay alive in Israeli bureaucracy," said Tevet, "but believe me, it is no worse than bureaucracy anywhere else in the world."

Addressing a meeting of Tehila members at the home of Sheba and John Saunders in Willowdale, Tevet spoke about job possibilities in post-election Israel.

"There is no such thing as not finding a job, no matter in what field," he said, "except that whereas a few years ago our workers had to make 30 calls to arrange interviews, today they have to make 50."

In medicine and paramedical professions, teaching and social work there is no problem in finding jobs. Computer-related professions have suffered a setback in recent years because of the financial difficulties of many big high-tech. companies, but there are plenty of jobs going in the smaller companies in more specialized areas.

Asked about housing in Israel, Tevet said that not everyone had to settle in Ra'anana and Jerusalem. He himself lives in a West Bank settlement and is very happy there, insisting that he does not feel in any danger, even with the intifada.

"There are cheaper flats available in outlying areas, not necessarily across the green line," he said. "If several families settle in these areas together, they would have an immediate social circle."

In the five years of its existence, Tevet reckons they have brought over 818 families, numbering 5,000 souls, to Israel. The dropout rate has been lower than for any other organization, as the Tehila olim are so highly motivated in the first place.

Helping with the office work are six sherut leumi (National service in lieu of army service for religious girls) volunteers in Tel Aviv and a seventh — here in Toronto.

Rachel Deutsch, here with her family for a year's sabbatical, is helping to organize Tehila activities in Toronto. A full social program of lectures and meetings is offered, organized under the direction of local chairman Andy Lipson.

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Agribusiness centre dedicated

TORONTO —

Two dozen key figures in the Canadian food industry travelled to Israel recently to dedicate the Brian Y. Davidson Research Centre in Agribusiness at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Accompanying the mission was Dr. Gerald Halbert, chairman of the board of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

The Davidson Centre was created through a $2 million endowment fund established in Toronto. It is now headed by Prof. Arieh Goldman, one of Israel's leading figures in export marketing, under the guidance of Prof. Ray Goldberg of Harvard University's School of Business Administration.

Simon Zucker

Joining the mission were Doug Lunau, president of Intersave, and Simon Zucker, of Simon Zucker and Associates. Most of the participants were not Jewish and visiting Israel for the first time.

"I've travelled the world and was overwhelmed by the beauty and energy of Israel," said Zucker. "We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Our guide was Particularly knowledgeable."

Highlights included a reception at the home of the Canadian ambassador to Israel and a visit to Kibbutz Geva where Davidson spent a year as a youth. Mission participants also paid three visits to the Hebrew University, where they toured the campuses and met high-ranking officials.

"I was particularly impressed by the quality and variety of the University's students and research," Zucker said. "Israel has obviously been enriched by the contribution of Hebrew University to that country's society and economy."

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TAU program attracts students

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Amos Gilboa has two things to smile about these days.

More and more Canadians are signing up for Tel Aviv University's overseas student program. And half of the $200,000 (U.S.) needed to build a social centre and three new classrooms for foreign students there has been subscribed.

Gilboa, you see, is the director of Tel Aviv U's overseas students program. In fact, he recently finished a cross-Canada tour in which he spoke to over 400 high school and college students.

A compact, bespectacled man with a ready smile, Gilboa is enthusiastic about the program. Fifty Canadians will be at the university come January; five more, he says, will join them by September. Quite a change from 1983 when the overseas program could boast only five students from Canada.

Gilboa says word-of-mouth has proved to be the best advertising for the program. Indeed, the students' confidence in the program — despite the intifada — has encouraged more young people to come. Statistics bear him out. In September of 87, there were 175 foreign students; in September of 88, 250.

What do they study? Subjects they wouldn't necessarily find at a North American campus, says Gilboa. Indeed, the archeology of Israel, the Arab-Israeli conflict, Soviet policy in the Mideast and contemporary Israeli problems are among the more popular offerings.

Gilboa says 10% of Canadian students and 30% of those from Latin America stay on at Tel Aviv U for their BA.

Wood Gundy event to benefit JF & CS

TORONTO —

Once again, Wood Gundy stockbrokers will donate one day's commission to six major organizations serving children, including Jewish Family & Child Services.

Last year JF & CS received over $55,000, says Family Matters, the agency's publication.

Dec. 13 is the day that all Wood Gundy commissions will be given to the "Children's Miracle."

Individual investors not currently dealing with a Wood Gundy branch participate in this year's Children's Miracle by phoning several days in advance of the event to open a 24-hour account. Wood Gundy's main number is 869-8960.

JF & CS has been a beneficiary of Wood Gundy's annual fund raising event in aid of children since its inception in 1982.

Reform educators to attend conference

TORONTO —

Directors of education, Marlene Myerson of Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Steven Garten of Leo Baeck Day School, Karen Goodis of Temple Har Zion, and Arliene Botnick of Solel Congregation will join over 150 Reform Jewish educators from all over the U.S. and Canada attending the 34th annual National Association of Temple Educators Conference in Chicago, from Dec. 22 through 26.

NATE is the professional organization of over 600 men and women from Canada, England, Israel, South Africa and The United States, who are the educators, principals, rabbis and cantors responsible for providing leadership in religious education for congregations affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Kaleidoscope: Vision of Jewish Education is the theme of the conference which will feature a variety of workshops and programs focusing on visions for the educator, teacher, student, school and congregation.

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Beauty for Beauty provides classes, hot meals in development towns

Charity uses art to feed and educate children

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Claude Monet is probably the last thing on the minds of Israeli youngsters.

But through the sale of reproductions of his works and those of other French impressionists, a North American charity is helping to fill the stomachs — and, heads — of schoolchildren in Israeli development towns.

The process is simple. For every reproduction sold by A.R.T. Inc. of Markham, Ont., a substantial chunk of cash is given to the charity. It, in turn, uses the money to provide pupils with classroom instruction they otherwise would not get. It also provides each pupil with a daily hot meal. Not surprisingly, the charity, given the art-children link, is called Beauty for Beauty.

And, what beauty! Not only are the schoolchildren fresh-faced and angelic, but the relief effect of the reproductions is almost indistinguishable from the originals. No flat-as-a-pancake lithographs (prints) or serigraphs (silk-screens) here. So painstaking, in fact, is the copying process that every surface detail — even brush strokes, fissures and hairline cracks — is perfectly reproduced.

Such fidelity is no accident but the result of three years of fine tuning by A.R.T. Inc. and its president, Harvey Kalef.

The actual reproduction — employing lasers, computers and pressure and cooling techniques — is done at Kalef's gallery in Markham and at Herzig, Somerville Ltd. in Toronto.

Kalef, a handsome, dignified man, has a ready explanation for his participation in the campaign.

"It's incumbent for all of us," he says, "to help the poor in any way we can."

And, the schoolchildren unquestionably need help. In a lifestyle not untypical to that of some of their Canadian peers, they spend many an hour loitering on streetcorners — the more so since many of Israel's state schools close at 1 p.m.

Given this and the impoverished state of many of their families, it isn't surprising that many of the youngsters fall victim to crime, drugs and prostitution.

Beauty for Beauty attacks the problem in a practical way. By providing supplementary classes and thereby lengthening the school day, it helps keep the kids off the street. An added inducement is undoubtedly the hot meal given each pupil — no small item in families where more than one meal a day is a luxury.

And, the program gets results. All the youngsters who have taken the classes have not only done well academically, says spokesman Mitch Shore, but have also gone on to top level high school programs. Supplementary classes are now being held in schools in 12 towns from Acre in the north to Beersheba in the south.

For those who want to help further the schools' work but who might not be particularly fond of Monet, Renoir or Seurat, Kalef offers 150 "titles" from which to choose. There are the homey tableaus of Norman Rockwell, the Colville-like naturescapes of David Maass, the photo-realistic westerns of Mort Kunstler and the Cubist pastels of Graham Crabtree to name but a few.

Lest one fear the market might become glutted, Kalef makes no more than 4,500 copies (1,000 for contemporary works) of any original. Each reproduction is stamped to show that it is part of a limited series; copies of works by living artists are signed and numbered. Once an edition is sold out, its rubber-based mold is destroyed.

For more information on the campaign, call (416) 787-8922 or write: Beauty for Beauty, 328 Joicey Blvd., Toronto, M5M 2W1.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

PERPETUAL AMAL SCHOLARSHIP

A Perpetual Amal Scholarship has been established in memory of Max Rosenbloom by his family. Widow Lily Rosenbloom (second from left) and daughters Faigie Feldman (left) and Shari Polan accept a plaque from Hy Fogelman, executive director, Central Division, Canadian Association for Labor Israel.

DEADLINE CHANGES

Due to the pressure of the holiday season, there are further deadline changes for the What's New and About People columns. Please note that the deadline for the Dec. 15, Dec. 22 and Jan. 5 issues is now past. As you know there will be no issue on Dec. 29.

The deadline for the Jan. 12 issue is Wednesday, Dec. 21. For the Jan. 19 issue we go back to the regular Thursday deadline (Jan. 5).

Friday, Dec. 9

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

A happy musical hour with concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** is slated for Friday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd. The program will feature popular and dancing music.

Saturday, Dec. 10

CHANUKAH CARNIVAL

Friends of Yiddish is holding its 2nd annual Chanukah Carnival with games, songs, prizes, skits and latkes on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle auditorium, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

Everyone is welcome. The charge is $7 members, $10 non-members.

CAMP RAMAH INFORMATION NIGHT

Camp Ramah in Canada is presenting a slide show and information session (including a special Ramah-style havdala program) for prospective campers on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

For more information, call 789-2193.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Saturday, Dec. 10, is the date of the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's Chanukah Trivia Night and dinner (plus a chance to win $1 million). It all takes place at 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill.

The charge is $25 per couple. RSVP by calling 886-0420.

Sunday, Dec. 11

CIVIL RIGHTS

At the Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast meeting on Sunday, Dec. 11, noted defence lawyer and civil rights advocate **Morris Manning** will speak on Civil Rights — Perspectives May Vary. In conjunction with World Human Rights Day this month, he will be addressing human rights issues that concern Canadians.

PNAI CHANUKAH PARTY

PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) is holding a Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue social hall, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The program will include entertainment by **Habina Players** of JCC and refreshments. The charge is $3.50 per person. Please bring your friends.

A RABBI'S TESTIMONY

In commemoration of the 5th yahrzeit of **Rabbi Albert Pappenheim** and the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is featuring a series on the Holocaust: Four Testimonies.

The last of the series takes place Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., with **Rabbi Philip Scheim** presenting A Rabbi's Testimony: Religious Responses to the Holocaust.

FOR DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED

A Chanukah program with refreshments, games and stories for Jewish deaf and hearing impaired persons plus an organizational meeting to plan future programs for adults, teenagers and children is arranged for Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2-4 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Family and friends interested in working with hearing impaired persons are welcome to join in.

For information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

CHAT TALENT SHOW

Be sure to drop in at the CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) talent show entitled Caesar's Palace on Sunday, Dec. 11. It promises to be lots of fun what with 20-25 acts offering singing, dancing, drama, bands and comedy. And refreshments will be served.

The time is 7 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Tickets are $8 and all funds will go to help Syrian Jewry and handicapped children.

By the way, dress is semi-formal.

A CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY

Beth Torah Congregation invites all members to bring their children and grandchildren to the annual children's Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2.30-4.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave.

A special program is planned. Pinhead the Clown will entertain with magic acts, balloon animals and more and **Lawrence Gilman** will provide a lively music concert for everyone. There will also be Chanukah candlelighting, songs, traditional Chanukah refreshments including latkes, and a take-home gift for each child.

Admission is $2 children, $3 adults, $10 maximum per family.

CHAI SINGLES CHANUKAH DANCE

Chai Singles 40 Plus is having a Chanukah dance with deejay and refreshments on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Celebrate and bring your friends. The more the merrier! The charge is $7 members, $10 visitors. For information, call 367-2143 or 656-3687.

Monday, Dec. 12

MAGIC MONDAY

MAGIC Monday is a women's group that meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

On Dec. 12 **Susan Jackson**, director of community services and youth activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, will speak on Raising a Jewish Child — The Joys and Woes of Jewish Parenting.

Babysitting is available. For more information, contact **Eileen** at 486-5226.

KESHER SINGLES GROUP

Have you wanted to attend a singles function but could not because it was not kosher, it was held on Shabbat or the atmosphere was not in tune with your lifestyle? Then Kesher is for you!

This is a new group formed to meet the needs of traditional Jewish singles. The events will be cultural, social, kosher and fun. Your ideas and comments are welcome. Join the group as a committee member and/or participant.

Share the news with your friends and invite them to the next event which takes place Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation of Toronto (BAYT), 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill.

The group will be joining the lecture by **Stephen Speisman** sponsored by the adult education committee of BAYT. His topic will be Foundations of Toronto Jewry.

For further information about Kesher, call 764-5833.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

ALL DAY INSTITUTE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to participate in a study session at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. The theme is Stress and the Healthy Family — "from babyhood to bubbyhood."

The program features three workshops — Is Being a Young Yuppie Mother Stressful?, The Joys and Stresses of Grandparenting in Midlife, and The Stresses of Taking Care of Aging Parents. All workshops will be led by family life educators from Jewish Family & Child Service.

The overall charge, which includes lunch and coffee breaks, is $10 members, $12 non-members. A price adjustment for partial attendance can be arranged in advance. Babysitting is available by request in advance.

To register and/or for further information, call **Eleanor Schatz** at 663-8899 evenings or the synagogue office 633-5500 days.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's informal style lecture series led by **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** continues on Wednesday, Dec. 14, with the topic Modern Day Israel and the Torah.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420 mornings or 881-2012 afternoons and evenings.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE FIRED

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. North York Central Library is presenting a program entitled Legal Series: What To Do When You Are Fired, featuring a legal expert who will discuss your rights and remedies when you are fired.

Ample time for questions will be provided.

The library is located at 5120 Yonge St.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE SERIES

The Workmen's Circle series of eight Wednesday morning lectures conducted by **Emanuel Goldberg** concludes on Dec. 14 with The Jewish Policy to Russia. Discussions and questions are in Yiddish or English.

The lecture takes place at 10 a.m. at the Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission is free and refreshments are served. For further information, call 787-2081.

This series was presented in conjunction with the North York Board of Education.

And What Else Is New...

FAMILY ULPAN IN ISRAEL

The Israel Aliyah Centre and NAAM (North American Aliyah Movement) are offering a 3½-week international family ulpan in Jerusalem from Dec. 11-Jan. 5.

Families will be able to study Hebrew intensively (five days a week, four hours a day) with tours being conducted throughout the course of the program. The family ulpan also offers a full schedule of speakers, meetings and discussions covering various Jewish, Israeli and aliya-oriented issues.

The program allows families to investigate aliya possibilites through informative meetings, visits with native Israelis and olim, and appointments in your professional field. Knowledge of Hebrew is not a prerequisite.

The cost is $740 U.S. per person, $500 U.S. for children under the age of 12. Air fare is additional.

For further information, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 202, Downsview M3H 5Z3. The phone number is 633-4766.

HESCHEL: THE MAN & HIS VISION

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is presenting Heschel: The Man and His Vision, a series of seven lectures dedicated to **Abraham Joshua Heschel**, his life and his teaching.

The series begins at Shabbat services, Saturday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. with **Rabbi Wayne Allen** speaking on To Be a Blessing — The Life of Abraham Joshua Heschel.

The second lecture takes place Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. when **Prof. Susannah Heschel** of Southern Methodist University will discuss Social Activism and the Theology of Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Lectures take place at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

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Senior Care, Community Services to Jewish Elderly, is striving to find five suitable volunteers to visit these people once a week for two hours. If you can spare two hours a week to share with one of these people, call **Selma Taylor** at 635-2860.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

Glass in Sculpture, an exhibition of work by 18 sculptors from Ontario and Quebec who are exploring the use of glass as a scultural medium, is now on view at the Koffler Gallery through Jan. 10. Following its Canadian premiere, the exhibit, which was organized and circulated by the Koffler Gallery, will travel to Finland and West Germany.

In the Loggia Gallery through Jan. 12, there is an exhibit of photographs by **Nir Bareket** entitled Jerusalem from 1 to 31: A City Calendar.

The Koffler Gallery is located at the Jewish Communtiy Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call 636-2145.

RESEARCH CENTRE OF KABBALAH

The Research Centre of Kabbalah announces the opening of a centre in Toronto.

There will be a 12-week course on the Principles of Kabbalah beginning Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7.30 p.m. at the Haifa Room, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Prior to that, a free introductory class is being offered on Thursday, Dec. 8, also at 7.30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre.

For information and registration, call 322-0975.

ATIDEYNU LODGE BB

Atideynu Lodge B'nai B'rith activities for this coming week include —

Sunday, Dec. 11 — A CVS (Community Volunteer Services) Chanukah program. Get into the Chanukah season and help others enjoy the holiday too. For more information, call **Robert** at 486-1865.

Monday, Dec. 12 — Monthly lodge bingo. If you want to volunteer, contact **David** at 785-7348.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 — General meeting at 7.30 p.m. at 15 Hove St. The program will feature a guest speaker from the Toronto Save-A-Life Foundation plus news of upcoming events. The charge is $1 members, $2 non-members.

For further information, call 785-5982.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Newtonbrook Secondary School offers free, daytime adult courses in typing, word processing (Wordperfect on IBM computer), bookeeping, accounting, fitness, introduction to computers, law, English as a second language, French and Spanish, at 155 Hilda Ave. (Yonge and Steeles).

Call 223-8441 now to register for Semester 2 (February to June).

BE A GRANDPERSON

Be a grandperson to a child at school! Your help can make a difference!

The Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto is sponsoring a special school volunteer program and is looking for volunteers to give one morning or afternoon a week to help a child in school. With the support of teaching staff, you can help a student with reading or arithmetic, instruct in a craft, music or foreign language, read stories or share personal experiences.

The major qualification needed to be a grandperson is a desire to work with children.

For more information, call the Volunteer Centre's North York branch at 481-6194 and you will be put in touch with your nearest participating school.

HISTORY OF U OF T

The public is having a chance this month to relive the events that have shaped the University of Toronto through the eyes of the Varsity, the student newspaper.

A special collection of old articles, photos and other memorabilia from the Varsity and the university's archives is on exhibit in the main display area of Robarts Library, 130 St. George St.

Many Varsity writers went on to become famous, and articles and poems by such people as **Margaret Atwood, Peter Gzowski, Bob Rae, Michael Ignatieff** and **Ed Broadbent** are also on display.

Admission is free.

OFF THE WALL!

From now until Jan. 8, the Art Rental and Sales Gallery of the Art Gallery of Ontario presents Off the Wall!, a special installation of contemporary and Inuit art. The works are in various media in a wide range of sizes and prices.

As the title Off the Wall! indicates, all works are available immediately and are for rent for up to six months or for sale to members of the AGO. They are also for sale to the general public.

As an AGO volunteer project, funds raised are used for the acquisition of works of art for the AGO's permanent collection and to support The Grange, the historic house adjacent to the AGO.

TOY SALE SHAARE ZEDEK

Sheila Dropkin, executive director of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation reports that six youngsters — **James Sevitt, Rebecca Kirsh, Ilana Kirsh, Ilana Rubenstein, Emma Sevitt** and **Sarah Rubenstein** — held a toy garage sale recently for the benefit of the pediatrics department of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. They were each presented with a certificate as a token of appreciation.

SINGLES RELAXZION IN ISRAEL

The Israel Aliyah Centre and NAAM (North American Aliyah Movement) announce the 4th International Relaxzion to be held in Israel. This program is designed for English-speaking Jewish singles, 25-40 years of age. Participants will travel throughout Israel visiting historical, archeological and contemporary points of interest.

Participants will have the opportunity to utilize and improve their Hebrew skills, take advantage of sports and recreational activities and explore Israel as a future living alternative. Arrangements can be made to meet with Israelis involved in your related profession to discuss job opportunities.

The dates are Dec. 20-Jan. 5 and Aug. 7-20 with the option to remain through Aug. 27. The cost is $825 U.S. funds for the 2-week trip and $1,155 for three weeks. It includes 5-star hotel accommodations and two meals a day. Air fare is additional.

For further information and applications, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 202, Downsview M3H 5Z3. Phone number is (416) 633-4766.

NATIONAL BALLET SCHOOL

The National Ballet School is now accepting audition applications from Toronto students until Jan. 4 for entrance to the 1989/90 school year. Enrolment in this world famous institution is by audition only.

The National Ballet School holds auditions yearly in 32 cities across the country for students in grades 5-12. Offering both residential and day programs, the school provides professional ballet training and enriched academic education. Post-secondary (dance only) and teacher training programs are also available.

For further information, call 964-3780 in Toronto or 1-800-387-0785 (toll free) or write The Registrar, The National Ballet School, 105 Maitland St., Toronto M4Y 1E4.

KOFFLER INSTITUTE AT U OF T

A cornerstone capsule ceremony was held recently to mark the upcoming construction of the Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management at the University of Toronto. Murray Koffler is a 1946 U of T graduate.

The 20,600 square foot building will be located at the corner of Spadina and Bancroft Aves. It will include a 180-seat lecture theatre, four seminar rooms, six offices, a resource area and facilities for graduate students. Construction will start in January for completion in March, 1990.

The Friends of Murray Koffler Inc. will raise $4 million for the institute.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Community Outreach to Hearing Impaired Seniors Program, funded by the ministry of community and social services, will be organizing a Volunteer Training Program in January. It aims at training volunteers to become friendly visitors and escorts to hearing impaired seniors and assistants in displays. Those who are able to speak Yiddish are specially invited as this seniors program is a multicultural one.

For further details, call **Winnie Lee**, coordinator of the seniors program, at 964-9595, ext. 241.

YORK U SCHOLARSHIP

This year's recipient of the Allen Lambert Scholarship in the faculty of administrative studies at York University is **Abba Horovitz** of Downsview, who, following two years of study in Israel graduated with a BA degree in mathematics from Yeshiva University in New York this past June.

The scholarship, established by Trilon Financial Corp. through a $125,000 endowment at York University, is awarded annually to an entering master of business administration student who has demonstrated academic excellence. The $5,000 award is renewable in the second year of the program if the recipient maintains a high academic standing.

TREASURY GIFT

Adath Sholom Synagogue presented a treasury gift to the United Jewish Appeal campaign. Accepting the check on behalf of UJA is Izy Stern (second from right). With him at the presentation are (from left) Mike Rogow, Miriam Breslow, Lloyd Pollock and Melvyn Caplan. [Graphic Artists photo]

at the jcc

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is offering Winter-fun Days, organized days for children 5-10 years during winter school break, Dec. 19-30. The cost is $18 per day. The program includes mime, cooking, carpentry, puppet shows and much more. For further information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

The second Bloor Y Concert for Kids is a great Chanukah gift. **Rick** and **Judy** will be performing live on Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. The cost is $9 per ticket. For more information, call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

The original JCC Singles Plus 50 Chanukah dance is set for Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the North-East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. Tickets are $7 per person and there will be a deejay, cash bar and refreshments. For more information, call 889-0813.

Join in a delicious brunch and an afternoon of bridge on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. You must pre-register. For more information and to register, call **Risa** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 is featuring a program of Israeli songs by **Batsheva Abromovici** at on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffe and cake will be served. The charge is $1.50.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Under the chairmanship of **Mr. and Mrs. Hershberg**, shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. with refreshments served...Bingo is held every second Wednesday at 2 p.m. under the chairmanship of **Morris Goren** and **Abe Levine**...The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. On Dec. 13 **Shlomo Mitzmacher** will speak about the Israeli poet **Joseph Papiernikow** on the occasion of his 90th birthday. A trip to Israel is planned for May 3. For further information, call 630-9444.

Beth Sholom Seniors will be meeting for entertainment and refreshments on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. For information, contact **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

Bloor Y Seniors programs this coming week include — Thursday, Dec. 8, fitness for seniors at 12.30 p.m. and a fashion show of seniors fashions hosted by Classic Fashions from 2-4 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 12, bridge from 1-3.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 13, current events discussion from 2-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 14, music singalong with **Bluma** from 1.30-3 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 15, **Good Age Club** Chanukah party from 2-4 p.m. with singing, latkes, dreidls and more. Registration is essential. Contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For membership information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

Workmen's Circle Social Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and bingo. Remember that Dec. 27 is the last meeting before the Miami trip. Tickets and insurance must be picked up at that time. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727 or **Max Glick** at 226-4093.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a dance with a live band on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 7.30-11 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard. The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members...The New Year's eve party on Saturday, Dec. 31, will feature a cold cut plate, desserts and pastries, party favors, door prizes and more. It will take place from 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. at the community centre. The cost is $15 per person. This is for members only...The club is now taking registration for 1989 membership. The $8 per year includes all activities...Daily activities include tai chi, fitness, dancersise and bridge. For informa-

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Organizations and People

LABOR LEADER HONORED

Retiring after 50 years, labor leader Maurice Silcoff was honored in Montreal at a tribute dinner and in Toronto at a special luncheon attended by some of the major Canadian employers' groups and labor leaders. The Maurice Silcoff Amal Technological Centre was dedicated at the Montreal affair. In Toronto, he was presented with a plaque in recognition of his 50 years of leadership. From left are Lewis Cohen, Silcoff, Joseph Krystal, and Oren David, Israel consul in Toronto.

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tion, call 636-7856.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Wellness Education Group is presenting a lecture on Incontinence with **Mary Diane Barnes**, urodynamic research nurse, Mount Sinai Hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 1-2 p.m. in the Assembly Room. To ensure seating register at the office, 789-5131, ext. 2267, by Dec. 13. There is no admission charge...Meet the Author **Ben Mendelkern**, author of Escape from the Nazis, on Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Fireside Lounge. Coffee and muffins at 10 a.m. followed by the presentation at 10:30. Admission is $1. Register at the office no later than Dec. 12...On Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room, there will be a Chanukah performance by the Heritage Players directed by **Nathan Garnick** accompanied by **Nathan Rosen**...The Tuesday evening program on Dec. 13 presents singer **Sarah Hertzberg** with accompanist **Paul Mathew**. The time is 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room...The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 years of age and over who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation. The group meets in the Fireside Lounge from 2-3:30 p.m. For further information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273 days or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 evenings.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch meets on Monday afternoons from 1-3 at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For further information, call 889-0813.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting a lecture on Hypothermia on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 1-3 p.m. The speaker, public health nurse **Shari Cherney**, will discuss the importance of keeping warm in the winter.

The book, The Colour Purple, by **Alice Walker** will be reviewed by **Rosalind Kates** on Monday, Dec. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. This is for members only and the charge is $4.75.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Dec. 14 features **Freddie Kay** in a program of comedy and music. The time is 1:30 p.m. and the charge is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment.

Any information about special events, day trips or long tours can be obtained by calling **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

Wanted — amateur entertainers who would appreciate the opportunity to perform before a senior group to help you gain exposure. If you want to know more about it, call 665-3547.

About People

HEADS OPERATION RE-TREE-VAL

Torontonian **Alan Posluns** has been named national chairman of Operation Re-Tree-Val, Jewish National Fund of Canada's ongoing effort to replace (together with world Jewry) the more than a million trees destroyed in Israel's forests by arsonists and saboteurs this past summer.

Mr. Poslun's appointment was made at a recent JNF national executive board meeting which adopted a new Operation Re-Tree-Val 1988/99 target of replacing 310,000 trees — one for every Jewish man, woman and child in Canada.

A VOLUNTEER FOR ISRAEL

Mark Cohen has just returned to Toronto from a 56-day stint in Israel where he spent time at Tekoa settlement near Mount Herodium working in the vineyards, herding the sheep and undertaking night patrols. In addition, he participated in Project Odet, a Jewish studies program centre for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem for a 4-week period.

Mr. Cohen, a safety and security officer at the Ontario Science Centre, was born in Montreal. He lived in Israel from 1969-76 and this is the third time since then that he has returned to serve on a volunteer project.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Chai Singles 40+. Sunday, December 11 — Chanukah Dance. Deejay and refreshments. Celebrate with us and bring a friend. The more the merrier. 8:00 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview. Members $7.00, visitors $10.00. For information call 367-2143 or 656-3687.

"The Original J.C.C. Singles" 50 Plus, invite you to their Chanukah Dance, at the North/east Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., on Saturday, December 10, 8:00 p.m. Disc jockey, cash bar, refreshments. Admission $7.00. For more information call 889-0813.

Singles Rendez-vous (ages 25-45) — Chanukah Party with latkes and table games. Sunday, December 11, at 12:00 noon. Cost $5.00. For information 631-9389.

Metro Toronro Singles Presents — Third Annual Chanukah Party, Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. at **Berlin.**

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Singles are invited to participate in dining adventures with a "Mystery" theme. Weekly opportunities to meet someone special. Call Mystery Mavens during business hours to reserve. 225-8084.

New Year's Eve Singles Party at Mayfair West Racquet Club. Tennis round-robin and dance presented by Metro Toronto Singles and Mayfair West Racquet Club. Call Sid 222-7111 or Marcia Levine 638-1010 for info.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Chanukah! **LISHAR PRODUCTIONS** is throwing a Christmas Eve/Chanukah party to end the year off with a bang on Saturday, December 24, 1988, we invite all of you to join us down at **TANGERINE** located at 240 Richmond Street West.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. With each advance ticket you will receive one complimentary Lishar drink. For more info and advance ticket purchase please call 783-6261.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Making a difference

Pictured at the dinner dance held at Casa Loma, are members of the New Leadership Council under whose auspices it took place. From the left are David Engel, Peter Chodos, Shira Herzog Bessin (guest speaker), Glennie Lindenberg and Mark Berenblut.

As the December 12 closing is fast approaching, the countdown for cleanup is fully in place for division after division.

Sundays and evenings from Monday through Thursday, have seen one telethon after another.

Michael Daren and **John Wiseman**, Accountants co-chairmen, were at the Lipa Green Building early Sunday morning along with **Eric Borenstein, Roger Chaplin, Eldon Moses, Maurice Moss** and **James Slavens**. Results were excellent, we've been told.

On the next evening (Monday) the Business & Professional Women's Network held its telethon. Joining B&P co-chairman **Leslie Gales** and fund-raising chairman **Susan Gordin**, were: **Beverley Burdeyney, Shelley Fisher, Robin Kachuk, Evelyn Koch, Gay Lefebvre, Charlene Linzon, Jaqueline Margolis, Marcia Schnorr** and **Shuli Selesnick**.

Susan Gordin reports that the B&P 1989 campaign is maintaining a 38% card for card increase, with over 100 new coming in as well.

The following night it was Young Executives & Professionals.

All of this was prior to the Chanukah Clean-Up, so you can see the telephones at 4600 Bathurst have not been idle.

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A surprise, but most welcome guest at a meeting of the UJA professional staff was **Rafi Hochman**, the mayor of Eilat for the past five years.

With an excellent command of English, the young Hochman described the two components that make up his city which is divided right down the middle by a railroad track. On one side is what the tourists see — hotels, restaurants, attractive landscaping. On the other is the not so attractive side with high unemployment and hardship for the many early-retired thrown out of work through factors beyond their control.

In addition to beautification and enhancement in the quality of life for its residents, what is needed, Hochman stressed, is industrial development.

Interesting perspective ... and a possible candidate for another Project Renewal twinning?

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Harold Malitzky who heads Education Professions, is smiling a lot these days, as is **Jackie Weintraub**, chairman for General Studies Teachers in Hebrew Schools. They report a 22% increase in pledges on more than 700 cards covered to date. Now that's more than ample reason to smile!

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Judy Engel and **Karen Garscadden**, co-chairmen of the Volunteer Enrichment Series for Women's Campaign/Jewish Women's Federation, have set up three programs that have attracted considerable interest and response.

The three were held on consecutive Wednesdays beginning November 23.

The first, featuring **Carol Seidman**, director of Women's Campaign/JWF, dealt with "Jewish Identity and Values."

The second part of that session was devoted to "UJA — How it Works: Where You Fit In," with 1st vice-chairman **Carol Kassel** making the presentation.

The following week the focus was on local agencies and featured a morning bus tour of three facilities that serve both young and seniors in the community. On the visiting list were the Elm Ridge Group Living Residence, the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre and Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

An Israeli-type lunch followed at the Lipa Green Building, where **Yona Gazit**, Special Emissary from Israel to UJA, presented an update on the present political climate in Israel. Also on the program was campaign co-chairman **Julia Koschitzky**, who spoke of UJA's role within a global perspective.

The final program of the series was held at the home of **Penny Offman** where the featured speakers were Women's Campaign chairman **Joan Stevens** and **Ferne Katleman**, director of Continuing Professional Education, Council of Jewish Federations, New York. Katleman's topic was "The Me I Want To Be."

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Happy Chanukah to all!

Organizations and People

Between secular and observant

Gesher's Tropper wants to bridge gap in Israel

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Now that Israel's religious bloc has gained ground, it's more important than ever that the gap be bridged between secular and observant Israelis, the director of Israel's Gesher Foundation recently told an audience here.

Speaking at a private fundraising event, Daniel Tropper said the challenge of bringing the two Israels together has now assumed undreamed-of proportions.

For one thing, he said, there is the disbelief of many Israelis that ultra-Orthodox Jews who perhaps have never done any army service will be sitting in the Knesset, making laws for the rest of the country.

Daniel Tropper

There is also, he added, the fact that of the religious bloc's 18 new MKs, 12 are not even Zionists. What's more, many secular Jews consider 18 seats to be out of all proportion to the actual numerical strength of Israel's religious community.

Gesher, founded by Tropper, is an organization designed to bring religious and secular teens together. Since its inception 18 years ago, the apolitical, non-profit body has sponsored hundreds of retreats throughout Israel for high school students.

Tropper's Toronto fundraiser attracted Jews from across the ideological spectrum.

What particularly shocked secular Jews about the election, Tropper said, was the playing out in the campaign of the rivalry between the Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rav Shach, spiritual leader of Agudath Israel.

Yeshiva bochers who had never voted in their lives were suddenly, on Shach's orders, he said, devoting three hours a day to hustling votes. And, shlichim from Lubavitch were busy lining up supporters for Chabad with a promise of a brachah from the Rebbe.

"The secularist was exposed to things that were so way out he didn't know what was going on," said Tropper, adding that many young Israelis now see a bleak future for themselves if the religious bloc continues to gain strength. Other secular Jews, he added, believe Israel has gone off the deep end.

In using its new-found power, the religious bloc must act responsibly, Tropper told his listeners. A revival of the Who-is-a-Jew controversy might not only cause Reform and Conservative Jews to stop sending money but might also convince them to cease their lobbying on Israel's behalf, he said.

Tropper pointed to the apparent loss of a sense of priorities among Jews as one of the great tragedies of present-day Israel and the Diaspora.

"Imagine! he exclaimed, referring to recent events in Toronto. "The question of a mikvah can split the community."

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As a student of Jewish history, (PhD, Yeshiva University), Tropper is able to put the rift between secular and observant Israelis in historical focus.

No matter how small or insignificant the issue, he says, divisions within Jewry over the millenia have invariably led to disaster.

Factionalism, for example, among Jews fighting Titus' legions led to the capture — and, destruction — of the Second Temple even though Jerusalem, with its stores of food, could have held out for many more years.

And divisions within Jewry during World War II, hindered efforts by Jews to save their brethren from the Holocaust.

What parents must do, Tropper says, is equip their children with an early warning system by instilling in them an understanding of the Jewish past.

"What history has taught us is that there's no such thing as 'it can't happen here'."

For more information on Gesher, call Leon Gasner at (416) 291-4451.

"Trying to get at us through Israel"

Marmur blasts move to change law

TORONTO —

The move to change the Law of Return so that only Orthodox conversions are recognized in Israel is "calculated to cause a deep split within the Jewish people," Rabbi Dow Marmur Holy Blossom Temple said in a Sabbath sermon recently.

"It is a way for the Orthodox minority to seek supremacy over all Jews," he said. "The so-called ultra-Orthodox groups in the Diaspora, not being able to get at us here, are trying to get to us through Israel. They believe that they and they alone are the legitimate custodians of Judaism and all non-Orthodox groups are imposters.

"They prefer secular Jews to Reform and Conservative Jews because the secularists are indifferent whereas we actually offer an alternative view of Judaism."

He appealed to all Jews "not to support the organizations that seek to destroy us," stating: "If you are giving to any Orthodox institution, please check their statements before you give."

Marmur said he understands that even the Orthodox rabbis in the U.S. have urged against a change in the Law of Return.

If the change in the law becomes a reality, it will necessitate making a distinction between the people of Israel and the government of Israel, he said.

"We will express our solidarity with like-minded individuals and groups while standing aside from support for the government. And if that is bad for Israel, then let it be known it is those in power who have caused it."

The action of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in assuring American Jewish leaders that he is for Jewish unity, while giving in to Orthodox demands, is "doublespeak of the worst kind," Marmur said.

Shamir and his colleagues are underestimating the opposition of the Diaspora to the proposed change, he said.

"For whereas Jews have been inhibited in criticizing Israel and withdrawing their support over issues of defence and foreign policy, on the basis that it is not our sons who are sent to the firing line to protect Israel's borders, there is no such inhibition when it comes to the question of the Law of Return."

The issue affects Diaspora Jews directly, he said, and "we are entitled from every possible perspective to make our views known in the strongest possible way. . . .

"Israel matters to Diaspora Jews more than the Israelis realize, and in ways different to what Israelis believe. Many Israelis think that Israel is for the Diaspora a kind of occupational therapy, a good cause for which to collect money; a suitable source of uplift now when religion has ceased to be the dominant force.

"What Israelis have overlooked is that for many of us, Israel is part of our Jewish faith, not a substitute for it, and that our involvement is much more than philanthropy and romanticism. It is because Israel is so central to us that we care so deeply as to what its government does.

"The thought that it would legislate us out of legitimacy is intolerable to us, and we will fight back. It is a battle that will engage the vast majority of Jews in the Diaspora and in Israel."

He urged members not to withdraw support from fundraising efforts by the community at large, but at the same time to respond to calls for additional sacrifices for Reform needs to increase the strength of the movement's organizations in Israel.

"The sooner the politicians come to their senses, the sooner we can return to our real challenges," he said, "Your protests may help to bring that about; if they don't, we may have to consider more drastic actions in the future — and that will turn us all into losers.

"The question of the Law of Return will become a law of no return; the kind of disaster that caused earlier calamities in Jewish history. We must not allow that to happen. And we must not be afraid to use drastic means to prevent it."

No solution in sight on Who's a Jew: prof

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

The ongoing debate over "Who is a Jew" in Israel today is unresolvable, Prof. Izhak Englard, dean of the Hebrew University Law School from 1984-87, told an audience at Beth Tikvah Synagogue recently.

Speaking on the role of religion in Israel today in a lecture sponsored by the Hebrew University Alumni of Canada, Englard declared:

"Since the state was established there has always existed this double dilemma: one seen through the eyes of the religious, and one through the eyes of the non-religious.

"The Who is a Jew discourse is based on ideological differences. There is no dialogue, the terms are completely different," stated the professor who is currently on sabbatical at the University of Toronto. "I see no legislative solution in sight."

Stating that this issue is one of the toughest problems in Israeli life today, Englard pointed out that it has existed since the state was established.

Underscoring the conflict, he asked his audience to attempt to resolve these gnawing questions: What is a Jewish state in the 20th century? How can you characterize a Jewish state through religion?

The interpretation for the religious Jew, he said, is the vision of the Jewish state as a messianic one, based on the commandments given out on Mt. Sinai.

For the non-religious Jew, who envisages a state outside of religion, the dilemma constantly exists. "He has to cope with a religious state but believes, by contrast, in a liberal, tolerant and modern state," he added.

Yet, how can a religious Jew accept the realities of a secular state, and vice versa? Englard asked the more than 100 people in attendance.

The professor noted that some compromises have been worked out, but they are largely inconsistent. For example, there is no public transportation on Shabbat in Jerusalem, yet in Haifa there is. Cinemas are open in certain locales, and not in others.

But the most complex legal issue which is unreconcilable, he said, revolves around questions of marriage, divorce and conversion.

Not only does this dispute, based on the Law of Return and the definition of Who is a Jew, create a clash of interpretation between the religious and the non-religious factions, Englard said, but also poses the question: Where do the Conservative and Reform fit into this struggle?

"The best solution is to work one out," he said. "But when ideological differences are so great, there is no solution possible."

Others participating in the proceedings included Mark Halpern, chairman, Hebrew University Alumni of Canada, and Ely Razin, events chairman.

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Organizations and People

10 years of "inspiring leadership"

TJC Holocaust committee honors Leipciger

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
Nathan Leipciger, outgoing chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, was one of several people lauded recently at a Volunteers Appreciation Night at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Robert Engel, the committee's new chairman, thanked his predecessor for his 10 years of "inspiring leadership" at the gathering which attracted 125 people including many volunteers.

Accepting a plaque, Leipciger said that it was really the volunteers who deserved all the praise, and that "the committee did more for me than I did for the committee."

Two others also received plaques. Alan Bardikoff, the past chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee's education committee, indicated that he wasn't leaving, "only relinquishing the leadership position that I have held for so many years."

Margie Levitt received a plaque for her work as past chairman of the HRC's Education Week, which actually lasts 10 days and takes a full year to prepare.

"Working on this committee is not just a commitment, it's something that comes right from the heart," she said, reiterating a comment expressed by many that evening.

On a humorous note, Robert Engel announced that six trees would be planted in the Forest of the Martyrs in Israel to honor the spouses of plaque-recipients Leipciger, Bardikoff and Levitt.

Personal thanks and accolades to specific volunteers were offered by Anita Ekstein, chairman of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Center; Elly Gotz, chairman of the Christian-Jewish Dialgoue of Toronto; Alan Weinbaum, co-chairman of Holocaust Education Week; Frank Bialystok, chairman of the education committee; Dr. Paula Draper, chairman of the Holocaust Documentation Porject; and several others.

Despite the number of speakers, however, the ceremonies were concluded in 45 minutes. Guests chatted, visited the wine bar and hors d'oeuvres table, and listened to the strains of a 5-piece band for some time thereafter.

Nathan Leipciger

According to one committee member, "It was an occasion for the faces behind the telephones to meet each other."

Besides its regular activities in Holocaust remembrance and documentation, the HRC has been working on several special projects.

Recently, the HRC's education committee negotiated to bring an exhibition on the life of Anne Frank from Holland to Toronto in November, 1989.

As well, the HRC has arranged for a Holocaust Memorial Obelisk to be created in North York's Earl Bales Park in about two years. The obelisk is to be erected by sculptor Ernest Raab.

Ontario Community Action Awards

2 honored for efforts for disabled

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Two Jews were among 12 recipients of the 1988 Community Action Awards, presented by Remo Mancini, Ontario minister responsible for disabled persons, at a recent ceremony in Toronto.

Mark Nagler of Hamilton and Mona Winberg of Willowdale are both victims of cerebral palsy and both have distinguished themselves in the battle to win greater recognition and understanding for as well as advance the rights of the disabled.

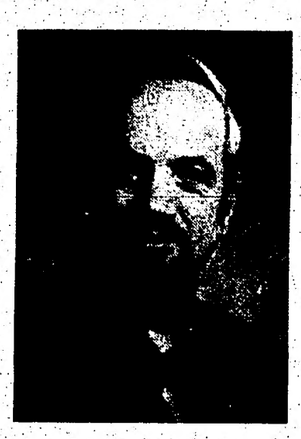
The awards are sponsored by the Ontario Office for Disabled Persons "to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of disabled persons and individuals who have worked extensively with disabled persons."

An associate professor of sociology with a cross appointment at Reneson College and the University of Waterloo, Nagler made headlines three years ago when he won a fight with Revenue Canada for the right to claim disability-related expenses as tax deductions for disabled persons.

However, under the rewritten tax act of last July, the tax credit will be reduced to a mere $550, he said.

"The disabled have extra expenses and there should be tax exemptions for such items," Nagler added.

A native of Calgary who moved to Vancouver with



Mark Nagler

his family at the age of 16, Nagler obtained his BA in British Columbia, his MA in Chicago and his PhD in Sterling, Scotland. Twenty-two years ago he came to Hamilton, where he now lives with his wife, Sharon, a probation officer, and their two sons, Adam, 13, and David, 10.

Nagler is a member of the national executive of CJC, a member of its law and social action committee and chairman of the committee for the disabled.

But he is unhappy with the Jewish community's response to the needs and concerns of the disabled. The CJC committee's purpose, for instance, "is to evolve policy and procedures for the Jewish disabled across Canada. But they have literally done nothing," he charges.

One of his concerns, for instance, is access to synagogues for the wheel chair-bound.

But he does not single out the Jewish community. With the exception of "a very few religious and ethnic groups," the situation is "tragically similar" in most ethnic groups.

Yet, Jewish groups are active on behalf of all kinds of issues, capital punishment, day care, etc., but when it comes to the disabled, they do very little, he complains.

"I get angry when I see barriers," says Nagler. "I want to do something."

Handicapped by only "a slight case of cerebral palsy," as he once said, Nagler does not confine his volunteer activities only to the handicapped.

He is a member of the board of Temple Anshe Sholom; co-chairman of the religious school committee; vice-president of Shalom Village; co-chairman of Jewish Social Services; vice-president of Viceroy Reading Lodge, B'nai B'rith and a past chairman of B'nai B'rith Sports Night.

As well, he is a member of a recently formed committee working for the establishment of a group home for disabled Jewish adults and a board member of the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

He is also a member of the board of governors of Reneson College, University of Waterloo.

Far more severely disabled than Nagler, Winberg serves on the board of Supported Training and Employment Program for the handicapped (STEP); is a member of the North York advisory committee on disabled persons and a member of a V.O.N. advisory committee working to establish day care for elderly and disabled.

Winberg writes a column, Disabled Today, in the Toronto Sunday Sun and she was co-winner of the 1988 Clancy Award.

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Organizations and People

Winnipeg researcher studying Alzheimer's

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Dr. Carl Pinsky's search for an antidote for last winter's mussel poisonings may lead to a new method for controlling Alzheimer's disease.

A researcher and teacher in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine, the Montreal-born Pinsky's curiosity was piqued last December when he learned through the news media the name of the toxin afflicting mussel eaters in Eastern Canada.

"I had never heard of domoic acid," he said. "Both as a professional in the field and because the department often fields questions for the press and the public, I wanted to know what it was and why it was poisonous."

The Sunday evening after the first poisonings hit the papers, Pinsky went down to his lab. There, in an old catalogue of chemicals, he found a reference to domoic acid in an article in the British Journal of Pharmacology.

Not only did the article explain how the substance works — it overloads and damages the nerve cells — but it led Pinsky to identify another chemical — kynurenic acid — which counters domoic acid.

Two days later, an excited Pinsky was on the phone to government agencies and labs in Ottawa and New Brunswick volunteering to join "the war against the clams."

Pinsky was asked to submit a contract and, before long, Pinsky and his colleagues and students received poisonous extracts from the mussels from the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control in Ottawa and were experimenting with both domoic acid and kynurenic acid in mice.

"In mice," said Pinsky, "kynurenic acid as a potential antidote for domoic acid poisoning showed very good results."

Although the poison scare of last winter is over, Pinsky and colleagues are continuing to work on an antidote on the one hand because this kind of accidental contamination may occur again some day here or elsewhere in the world and because the symptoms of domoic acid poisoning — loss of memory, disorientation — are very similar to those which afflict victims of Alzheimer's disease.

"The same areas of the brain are affected," said Pinsky, who is also currently working on a grant from the Alzheimer Society of Canada to study a drug called THA which is useful in alleviating Alzheimer's for short periods and figure out how it works.

What is exciting is that, just as the effects of domoic acid resemble the effects of Alzheimer's disease, kynurenic acid may function in ways similar to THA.

What Pinsky and his team are proposing to do initially is induce memory loss in animals with domoic acid then test both THA and kynurenic acid to see how effective each is in reducing memory loss and nerve cell damage.

Pinsky hastens to caution that it will be at least several months before he knows if he will receive a federal grant to even start the research and at least four years before testing can begin on humans.

The track record of the pharmacology laboratory in which Pinsky has done research for the past 25 years however is very good. "Ours was one of the first labs to demonstrate the behavior effects of endorphins (a morphine-like substance in the brain)," he said. "This is one of the best pharmacology departments in the world."

Allen seeking to boost Bonds

TORONTO — Rabbi Wayne Allen hopes to increase the Toronto Jewish community's participation in the Israel Bonds program in his new role as chairman of the rabbinic cabinet in Ontario, says a Bonds news release.

Rabbi Wayne Allen

Allen, spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Congregation, says he wants to increase Israel's economic growth and "strengthen the ties between the different Jewish communities in Ontario, and the ties between Israel and the Diaspora."

One of his first tasks will be to organize a rabbinic task force from Ontario to join an international delegation going to Israel in early 1989.

The rabbis will meet with high-ranking officials to discuss Israel's relationship with North American Jews, including the "Who is a Jew?" question. They will also brainstorm ways to bring North American Jewish communities closer together.

"The rabbis presence in Israel will be all the more helpful and important in light of the recent tension between Israel and Diaspora Jews following the Israeli election," the news release said.

Allen, who was born in 1951 in New York, completed his studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York.

He and his family moved to Toronto last year.

Allen replaces Rabbi Joseph Kelman as chairman of the cabinet, which is composed of rabbis representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations across Ontario.

Brampton shul rabbi installed

BRAMPTON — With the installation of Rabbi Larry Lander, 31, at Har Tikvah here, the three synagogues to the west of Toronto, in Mississauga, Oakville, and Brampton, all have Canadians as their spiritual leaders.

Rabbi Larry Lander

"The Reform movement has now come of age in Canada because you have indigenous rabbis," said Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai in Toronto, who delivered the "charge" to Lander.

Har Tikvah is the only Jewish institution in the Brampton area, said Lander, who was an assistant rabbi at Rosh Pina Conservative Synagogue, in Winnipeg, for two years.

Like Rabbi Larry Englander in Mississauga and Rabbi Edwin Goldfarb in Oakville, the Brampton rabbi trained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He hails from Calgary.

Among guests at the installation attended by 200 people were John McDermid, federal minister of housing, and MP for Brampton; Cameron McLellan, MPP, Rev. Fred Austin, president of the area's ministerial association; and Stan Sandler, past president of the Canadian Council of Liberal congregations.

Past president of Har Tikvah, Peter Gelberger gave a special reading. Officers installed included Steven Bloom, Allan Turner, and Laurie Bloom. Abby Heitner, the president, also addressed the congregation.

Correction

The writer for the video on the deaf (Dec. 1 CJN, page 42) is Joan, not John, Birchwood. We regret the error.

Cheese company offers trays plus gift packs

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Cheese lovers will rejoice in two timely innovations by the new owners of Great Canadian Food Products Co.: party trays and assorted gift packages.

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"All the cheeses are free of animal rennet," Rapp told The CJN. A laboratory-made microbial product is used.

Moslem shops, including Medina Halal on Bathurst St., and vegetarian and health food stores carry his cheeses, as well as Jewish outlets and chain supermarkets.

Hamilton-born Rapp, who graduated in commerce from McMaster University in 1975, and his wife bought Great Canadian from founder Mordechai Melen, a virtual neighbor of theirs in the Bathurst-Glencairn area.

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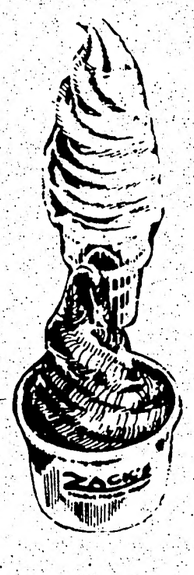

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Fashion

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By
BRUCE PARKINSON

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"Women like to know what suits them," Grignon said, pointing to the success of color reading.

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The service is sold on a private consultation basis, or done in a retail store where a Vestimetra consultant sets up for a day or two and performs 1-hour sessions with clients who have booked an appointment.

The consultant measures the client extensively from head to toe, then feeds this information into the computer along with descriptions of the shape of face and chin, buttocks, hands, knees and posture.

The computer analyzes the information, then provides a sketch of the client's specific body silhouette wearing close fitting clothes.

"Nine times out of 10 the client will say, 'Oh, mon Dieu, that is me!' " Grignon said.

The computer then provides a list of the client's most positive physical attributes — everyone has some, she said — and, with the aid of the consultant, begins to make suggestions about how to visually correct some of the less positive features.

The computer's huge data base is filled with thousands of styles, shapes, fabrics etc., and will quickly provide a sketch of the client's body wearing any of them, for better or for worse.

"The person can really, really see it. Most women know you can fool the eye with a garment, but many do not have an analytical vision about their looks. This is a teaching tool."

Vestimetra divides the body into three areas: from the head to the waist; from the waist to the knees and from the knees down.

By suggesting different styles and shapes, it can help women visually lengthen legs, shorten the waist, avoid emphasizing the calves, choose dress lengths, shoe styles...the list goes on.

The visual aid of the "living sketch" helps clients digest and comprehend the information.

Vestimetra is very specific in its suggestions. As well as the more obvious choices one can make to change the appearance of a woman's physique there are subtle but equally effective ones. It recommends sleeve types, necklines, buttons, accessories, even patterns of print.

"No matter how poorly you did in high school mathematics, your eye identifies geometrical lines. This product is not a matter of making people look standard. The eye likes to see certain things and Vestimetra can help you choose effectively."

As well as the 1-hour consultation, each client is given a book of printouts for future reference. The book contains lists of what looks are most complimentary, and some sketches to reinforce the learning experience.

As long as no major body changes occur — alas, these things happen — the book can be a guide to clothes shopping for years to come.

"No two booklets are the same. You can use it as your Bible for buying clothes."

Retailers can also benefit from bringing in a Vestimetra consultant and booking appointments for customers.

Firstly it is a new service to offer clients and can help increase customer loyalty, Grignon said.

As well, it can help retailers optimize purchasing, gain better control over inventories and understand the needs of the market better.

Retailers who bring in the Vestimetra service are given a smaller booklet for each customer so they have a record of that customer's clothing needs. For smaller boutiques the service enables them to think about specific customers when buying.

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Julie Shilander teams a colorful knit sweater with a complementary knit short skirt.

Designer sportswear is Shilander's new gig

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Julie Shilander the knitwear collection is evolving into Julie Shilander the designer sportswear collection and Julie Shilander herself couldn't be more pleased.

"There is a definite plan in force," she said, interviewed at the Montreal Pret where she exhibited her line a few days after doing the same thing at the New York Pret.

Known for her colorful, artistic, patterned sweaters, Shilander has expanded into lighter-weight cotton knits and sportswear separates in Irish linen and Italian jersey.

"I'm focussing more on structure now, with different cuts and shapes. I'll still do sweaters of course, but I'm slowly developing a whole line of clean, sophisticated sportswear."

Shilander's spring line — which she calls "a tightly edited collection" — features new colors, silhouettes and motifs, designed to coordinate and mix-and-match in eclectic combinations.

There are structured jackets with sculptured sleeves, palazzo pants in linen, tiered skirts in silk-screened abstract patterns, linen skirts and shorts with Shilander's signature knitted waistband and colorful sweaters inspired by the natural art of Winslow Homer.

"The same prints can have a completely different look when teamed with others," Shilander said.

The designer went on to demonstrate the radically divergent effects possible by first teaming an aerial-map motif sweater with a floral print skirt, then with an abstract print, and finally with solid, navy linen shorts.

A new and forward sweater shape for Shilander is cropped short, and in the lighter-weight cotton, makes a great combination with shorts or a short skirt.

Shilander describes the inspiration for this season's patterns as "exploring nature's everchanging hues and shapes, capturing several fleeting visual experiences via the designer sportswear medium."

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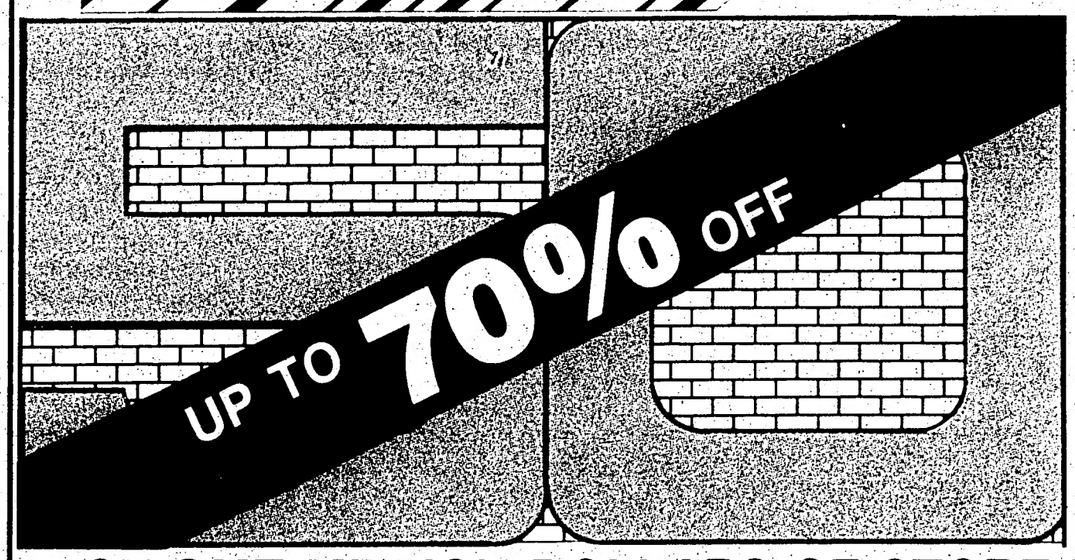

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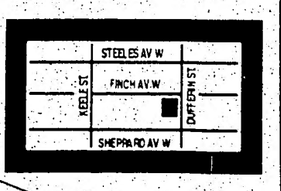

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Toronto's men of style feted by GQ, Simpsons

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

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The women of Toronto do not hold a monopoly on interest in fashion, cosmetics and lifestyle products, as was proven beyond a doubt at the recent Simpsons GQ Live and Toronto Men of Style awards.

A standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,200 filled the beautifully-refurbished Arcadian Court at Simpsons Downtown to watch an award presentation, witness a diverse display of men's fashions, sample and learn about new products and show off a little of their own style.

The fashions were on display even before the show as the guests enjoyed a cocktail reception. As befitting the occasion, most of the men had put on their dandy best, and preened proudly as they mingled.

The elevator ride to the reception, with a dozen other cologne-dipped males crammed aboard, showed that, like some women, many men have yet to learn the subtleties of scent.

But, on with the show. The evening commenced with the Toronto Men of Style awards, sponsored by The Fashion Group and Simpsons and hosted by an ultra-slick Edward Menicheschi, merchandising editor (What's that?) of GQ Magazine.

Menicheschi praised Toronto for being "without a doubt, the fashion capital of Canada." He announced that in GQ newsstand sales, Toronto ranks behind only New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

A panel of society luminaries chose winners in 10 different categories. The victors were judged based on "their contribution to Toronto's lifestyle, leadership in their area of expertise, professional profile recognized by their peers and their personal sense of style."

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The winners were: Corporate, Garth Drabinsky; creative communicator, Peter Hernndorf; fashion, Joseph Mimran; politics, Andrew Paton; sports, Toller Cranston; entrepreneur, Franco Prevedello; media, John Burgess; professional, Alan Eagleson; visual arts, Frank Augustyn; entertainment, Lindsay Gillespie.

Following the award ceremony, Simpsons presented a fashion show that effectively displayed the wide range of men's fashions available at the store.

Even Simpsons staffers have been surprised at the sales potential of designer and higher-priced men's wear, and their commitment to supplying a broad market was demonstrated.

Two internationally-known designers, Ireland's Jeff Sayre and American George Machado, as well as local sensation Michael Tong, appeared onstage as their creations were modelled, and enjoyed the warm response from the capacity crowd.

The variety of clothing shown would suit men whose tastes run towards Bay St. as easily as those who prefer the wilder styles of Queen St. W.

Designs by Canadians Babel, Comrags, Denomme Vincent and Loucas mingled with those by Ferre, Hugo Boss, Perry Ellis and Valentino.

Following the fashion part of the evening, guests visited exhibits, sampled food and drink, and met some of the featured invitees.

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Looks and comfort key to women's shoe styles

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Comfort above all is the catch phrase in women's shoes this winter.

"Our biggest expansion this year is in fashionable comfort shoes. Casual shoes are flat, dressy shoes with heels no higher than 2½ inches and toes squared off," said David Shepherd, vice-president in charge of sales for Barwin Shoes, importers of men and women's shoes.

Shepherd said that pumps are a major look in evening wear because their simple elegance lends themselves to most outfits and their tailored lines make them easy to wear.

"Women are turning to fabrics and colors rather than higher heels and pointy toes to dress up their shoes. Reptiles such as lizard or crocodile and suede, satin and shiny patent leather all enhance a woman's evening outfit without taking away her comfort."

He adds that flowers, bows, tassles and gold flickers all serve to dress up a woman's shoes.

Colors are basic this winter with black, winter ivory, beige, brown and gray in the top 10. Navy blue, forest green and red still appeal to many women.

Tailored loafers and oxfords have made a "terrific comeback as casual shoes this season and women are wearing them to the office with skirts and at home with denims and cords. Again, heels are flat and toes are squared off. To add a little detail some shoes are adorned with tassles or brogue perforations."

Knee-length boots remain a standard in any woman's winter wardrobe and following shoe trends, heels remain low, toes rounded and lines simple.

"Again dressier boots are in reptile and patent while brown suede or black leather are important shades for a more casual boot."

For a sportier approach, just over-the-ankle boots in brown or black leather are gaining in popularity.

"As well, the riding boot in leather with eyelets and shoe laces tied down the front make a definite fashion statement for the sportsminded woman."

As for men, it is "definately a basic season — basic penny loafers in basic brown or black are the biggest sellers."

He adds that as in women's shoes, reptile is used as a trim or in an entire shoe to give it that evening look.

Woolmark finalists are named

The 10 national finalists for the 1989 Woolmark Award were announced recently at press conferences in Toronto and Montreal.

First presented last year at the Festival of Canadian Fashion, the award was developed to foster creative excellence among Canada's leading fashion designers.

Sponsored by the Wool Bureau of Canada, the award honors women's wear designers who use wool for their creations. Sketches and fabric swatches are submitted to the judging panel.

This year's 10 finalists are: Brenda Bent and Loren Boy for Bent Boys, Roger Edwards, Peter Lam, Tu Ly, Pat McDonagh, June No, Lucy Pappano, Pierre Poisson, Alain Thomas and Mary Van Osch.

The importance of the award to the finalists and winners is substantial.

Last year's winner Mariola Mayer said, "I've achieve much more recognition across Canada as a result of the Woolmark Award, and it has very possibly brought me some new financial backing."

Finalists will be asked to submit a coordinated fall wardrobe to compete in the Woolmark Award show at the March 29th opening gala night of the Festival of Canadian Fashion.

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Govt. and industry celebrate as the Incubator is hatched

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

The opening of Fashion Incubator, a government-sponsored facility developed to nurture and increase the pool of design talent in Toronto, was celebrated recently at a reception that brought together people from all areas of the industry and beyond.

Pin-striped politicians mingled with shock-haired, leather-clad Queen Streeters at the Richmond St. W. location that houses Incubator, the new home of a dozen young designers.

Also known as the Toronto Centre for the Promotion of Fashion Design, Incubator is a microcosm of the industry, a place where budding creators can turn their ideas into reality.

Chosen by a selection panel, the 12 inhabitants will pay a minimal monthly fee for their studio space, and may stay a maximum of two years.

Designers will share manufacturing facilities, learn about business and production management and receive assistance in sales, marketing and promotion all under one roof.

"This is the latest pride and joy of the City of Toronto," said Ald. Dale Martin, chairman of the Fashion Industry Liaison Committee.

"This is the second physical project this committee has worked on and the day-care facility (the first project) is already a fantastic success. Incubator will contribute even more fundamentally to the future of the industry."

Incubator board member, writer and editor Sybil Young, said one of the most important functions of the facility will be to "bridge the gap between creativity and marketing."

Probably the biggest problem facing young designers is a lack of business experience, and that handicap can often be fatal. Quick access to business expertise and advice will take some of the pressure off and leave more time for creativity.

Martin praised the federal government's Innovations Program, which he said was "the first to get on board," with financial help for the project.

On hand for the opening was Ken King, representative of the ministry of employment and immigration; and he enthused about Incubator, calling it "one of the best ideas we've seen."

Space donated

Toronto mayor Art Eggleton said, "It's nice to talk about how we can improve the fashion industry. It's even nicer when you see it all become reality. This, I understand, is a first in North America. That's terrific."

Young said the three years of planning and fund raising for the project "seemed like 20, and there were a lot of stops and starts and difficulties, now it is time to celebrate the reality."

The space at 410 Richmond St. W. was donated by Inducon for a 2-year period. In exchange, renovations were paid for by Fashion Incubator through the Toronto Economic Development Corporation.

In two years time, the facility will move to new space at the yet-to-be-built Portland Fashion Centre at Portland St. and Niagara St.

A fund raising campaign, with an initial goal of $50,000 has been launched, said Beate Baron, city staff person for Incubator, who has been in charge of the project from the start. The general manager of Incubator is Carol Outram.

Manufacturers will be approached to donate equipment, sponsor studios or the showroom, or help in other ways.

"Incubator will depend very heavily on the industry and the people in it," Eggleton said.

The public can participate by buying T-shirts commemorating the project.

Jen Nemeth, a Ryerson fashion instructor and member of the Fashion Incubator board, summarized the thoughts of many involved with the project when she said, "The nurturing of new design talent is one of the most important aspects of maintaining a city as a fashion centre."

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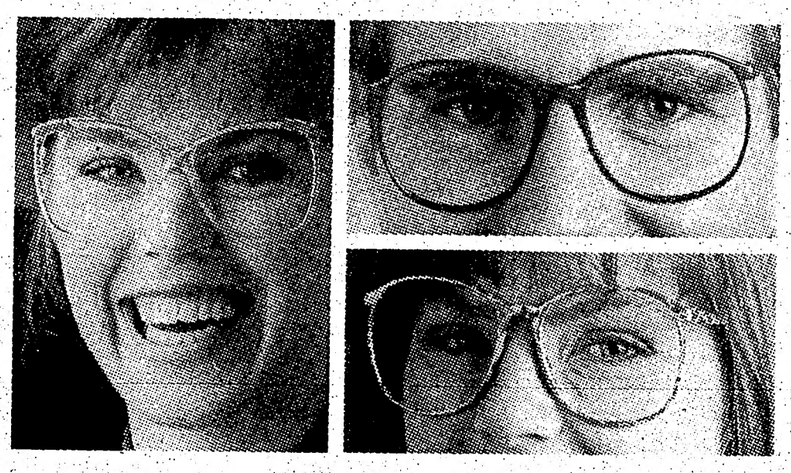

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Minimome cuts fashion down to size

French chic not just for adults

By
SHERYL HALPERN

Princessy party dresses with smocking and appliques. Oversized front-buttoned jumpsuits in jump-out brights.

Layette Minimome's maxi-fashions for children go very classic and very unclassic this season.

Kiddi'z, imported from France, is timeless French chic. Styles range from baby rompers and 2-piece outfits for little girls and boys to special-occasion dresses with long sleeves, full skirts, hemlines three or four inches below the knee, for girls up to 12 years. In fine washable and durable velours, cottons, cotton-polyesters, outfits have finishing touches such as embroidery, hand-done smocking, piping, appliques. They are available in navy, royal blue, red, fuchsia, gray, pastel pink or turquoise, Scots plaids and florals (for babies, it's pink or sky blue.)

What to give to a favorite infant or toddler? How about a baby romper, sized for three months to two years, in navy/white checks with an embroidered collar, juggling clowns appliqued in dark pink and navy. Or, for his big sister, perhaps a dress in navy velour, with a white lacy collar would be nice. Or choose one with floral embroidery and butterfly appliques, a wide white pique collar piped with navy velour, and long full sleeves with pique accents.

Line geared to kids

Deux par Deux, designed and manufactured by Minimome, is different.

As Maurice Elmaleh, a member of the design team, puts it: "it is where we put all our craziness, all our tenderness." Unconventional, unisex (sized for girls and boys six months to 10 years old), it's a collection designed "to please the children, not the parents," with "phenomenal" results.

Colors are vivid: gold, yellow, blue, green and pink are strong here. Fabrics are cotton corduroy, denim, fleece, nylon and easy-wash polyester-wool. Kodel or terry linings.

Oversized, easy-to-wear jumpsuits are Deux par Deux's strong suit this season — in fleece or corduroy, with round collars, buttons in front. For instance, a rectangular jumpsuit (in a choice of 12 colors) has a Deux par Deux logo school bus on the back, with two children (naturally) smiling out of the bus windows.

To co-ordinate with jumpsuits, there are 2-piece fleece jogging sets, cotton shirts, corduroy skirts, pants, overalls, jackets and polyester-wool sweaters. Everything's happily oversized, in square, rectangular, round or oval shapes ("you either love it or hate it"). Expect surprises like that; expect the creative and the unexpected, like a fun-to-wear "pillowy" jacket, practical, comfortable and washable.

Co-ordinates are grouped by graphic themes, and each theme tells a story. For example, a "Napoleon" theme dominates denims; the "Album de Famille" corduroys stick to 50s snapshots of children in school, and the China blue indigo cottons, with thick piping on sleeves and shoulder, go by the logo "La chine Revolutionnaire."

The Tactel-nylon snowsuits (jumpsuits with the look of 2-piecers) have Chinese-children prints, and what Elmaleh describes as "Medieval-shaped" caps. The pillowy "Graffiti" styles have street-wise graphics in Kodel-lined poplins. The "Me Tarzan/You Cheetah" fleeces, in reds and blacks, take jungly zebra prints and appliques for effect — for example, slashing across the shoulder of a suit.

With styles for formal or fun occasions, Minimome, which began importing in 1983, and started to manufacture its own line in 1985, makes children and parents happy. Find its dressy, elegant Kiddi'z ensembles, and its new-look Deux par Deux separates, at Boutique Enfants Deslongchamps, Bebe Boum, Aux Hirondelles, P'tit Mec, and Lawrence Kiddies Shop in Montreal.

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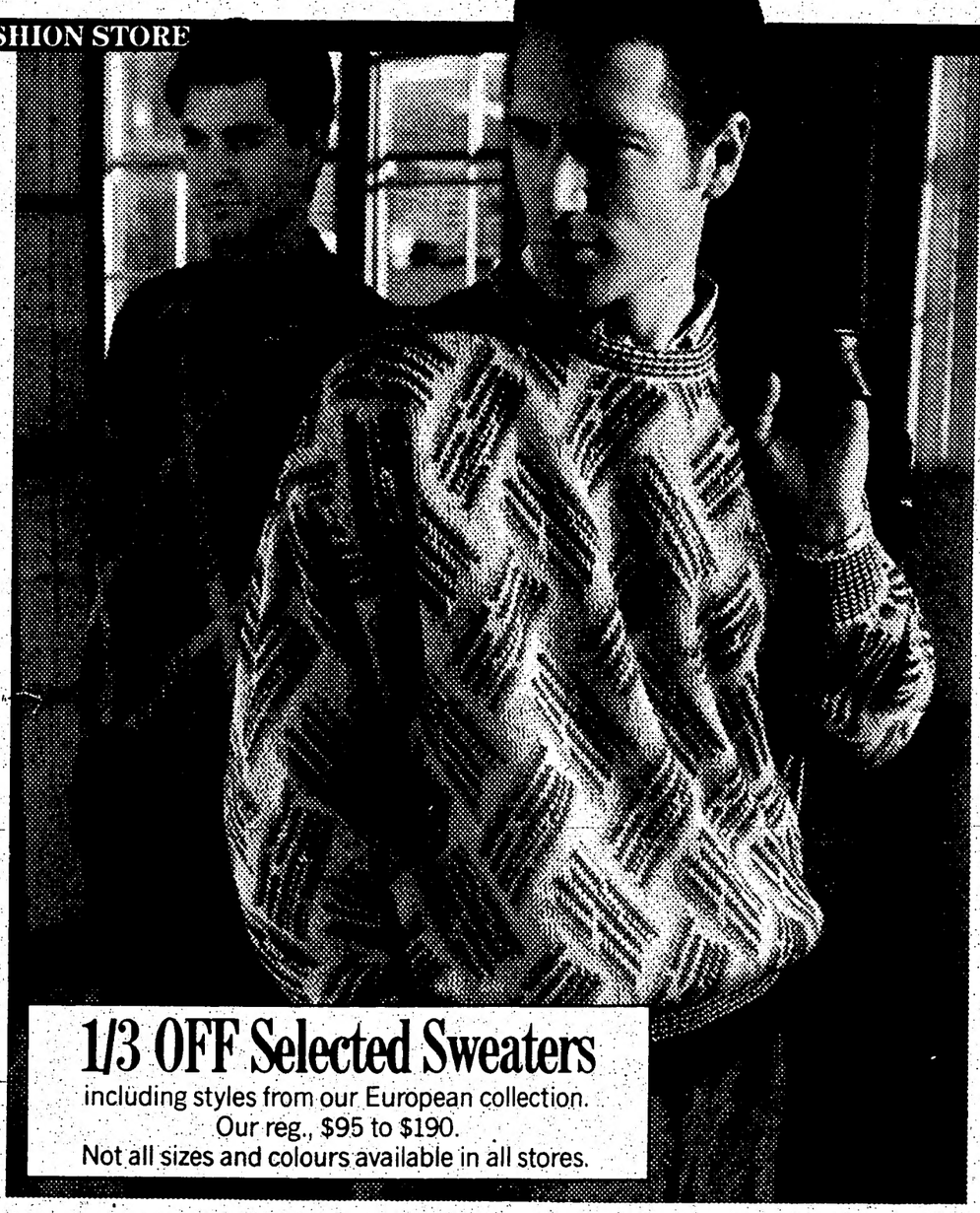

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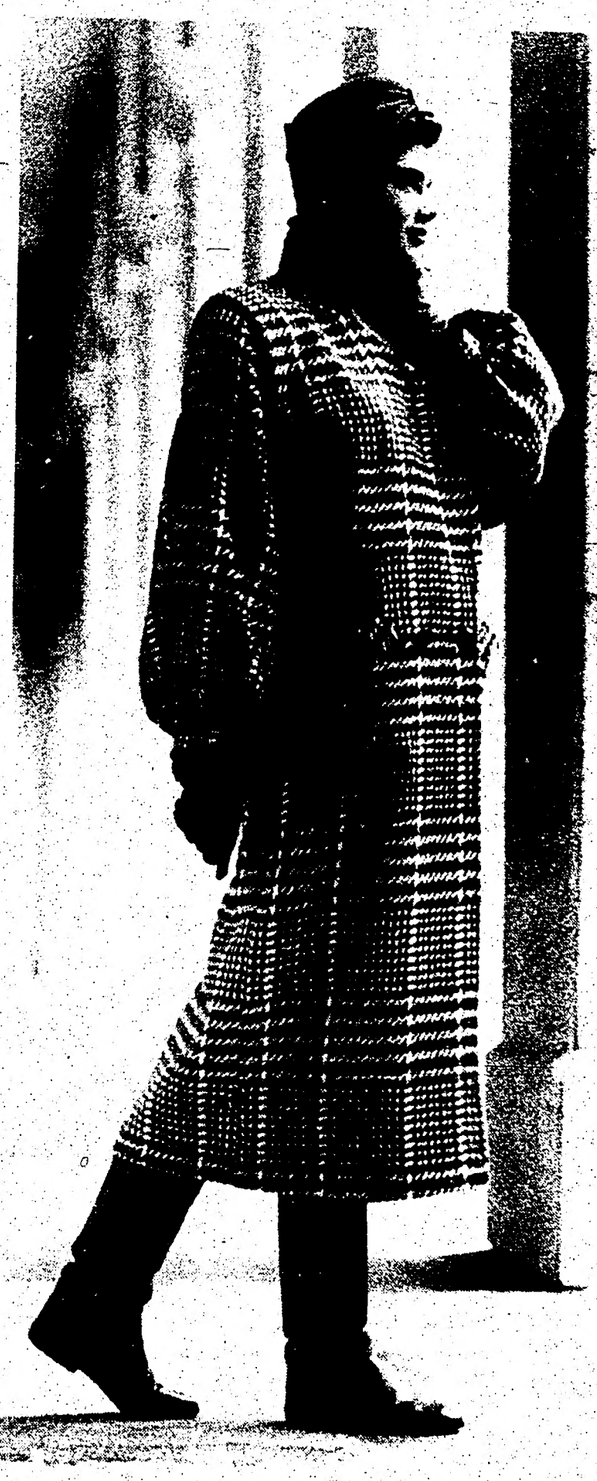

Elegant plaid tweed coat in violet, taupe and white features a leather-accented collar.

Leather-trimmed epaulets give a military feel to this double-breasted trenchcoat.

Posluns Outerwear is back in style

By DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

Irving Posluns Outerwear Ltd.'s reputation has come a long way in the last couple of years.

General manager Ron Brownstein says the firm now produces a quality garment delivered on time.

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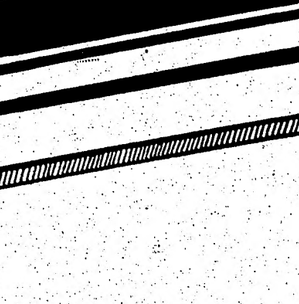

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Company turns 40 next year

New lines boost firm's image

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Three years ago, Brownstein would have had difficulty making as positive a statement. When he came on board, the company was floundering due to poor management and a flagging reputation.

Unable to compete with the lower-end import market, the firm had to be completely restructured. Now garments are fashionably styled and cut from quality cloth. Organizationally, the company is more efficient and streamlined.

The architects behind this restoration are garment industry giant Irving Posluns and financial wizard Brownstein, who was drafted from a sister company in Montreal.

"We went after more stylish merchandise and better customer accounts. We've changed our client base in the last two years," Brownstein said.

The company, which will be 40 years old next May, was formed by Posluns, who decided to go out on his own after a stint with the coat company owned by his father and uncles. Later, his brothers, Jack and Wilfred, joined him.

In 1967, Wilfred Posluns, with partner James Kay, launched Dylex, an umbrella organization which includes clothing retailers and manufacturers such as Fairweather, Big Steel, Harry Rosen, Thrifty's, Nu Mode Dress and National Knitting as well as Irving Posluns Outerwear Ltd.

Irving Posluns became an officer of the corporation, but as these duties took up more of his time, he became less involved with the coat firm. Eventually he broke away completely.

About three years ago Posluns returned his focus to his outerwear company in order to set it back on track. It was then that he recruited Brownstein to look after business matters as he prefers to concentrate on merchandising and styling.

A major change at Irving Posluns Ltd. has been the creation of two new lines of garments. Elements is a rainwear collection, cut from water-repellent poplin twill. In styles influenced by British tradition, these coats feature button-in plaid liners for colder days and retail for under $200.

L'Image is the company's high-fashion line. Modern and stylish, this collection features reefer, swing and trench coats in gabardines, broadcloths, tweeds and velors. A number of coats in this group are trimmed with embossed leather or astrakhan and prices range from $350 to $500.

The classic and affordable Irving Posluns collection is a label that has been in the market since the company's inception. Though also revamped, the coats in this line have a broader appeal. Garments cost between $250 and $375.

Brownstein says most of the outerwear is geared toward the 25- to 45-year-old working woman. Styles are influenced by European and American fashions but modified to Canadian needs and tastes.

This autumn, forest green, navy, black and mahogany are important colors. Brights such as citrus yellow, fuchsia, hot pink and red are available for those whose wardrobes must be up-to-the-minute.

Irving Posluns Outerwear Ltd. does have a few short styles for customers who prefer that option, but, for the most part, hemlines will remain long to meet the demands of Canadian women.

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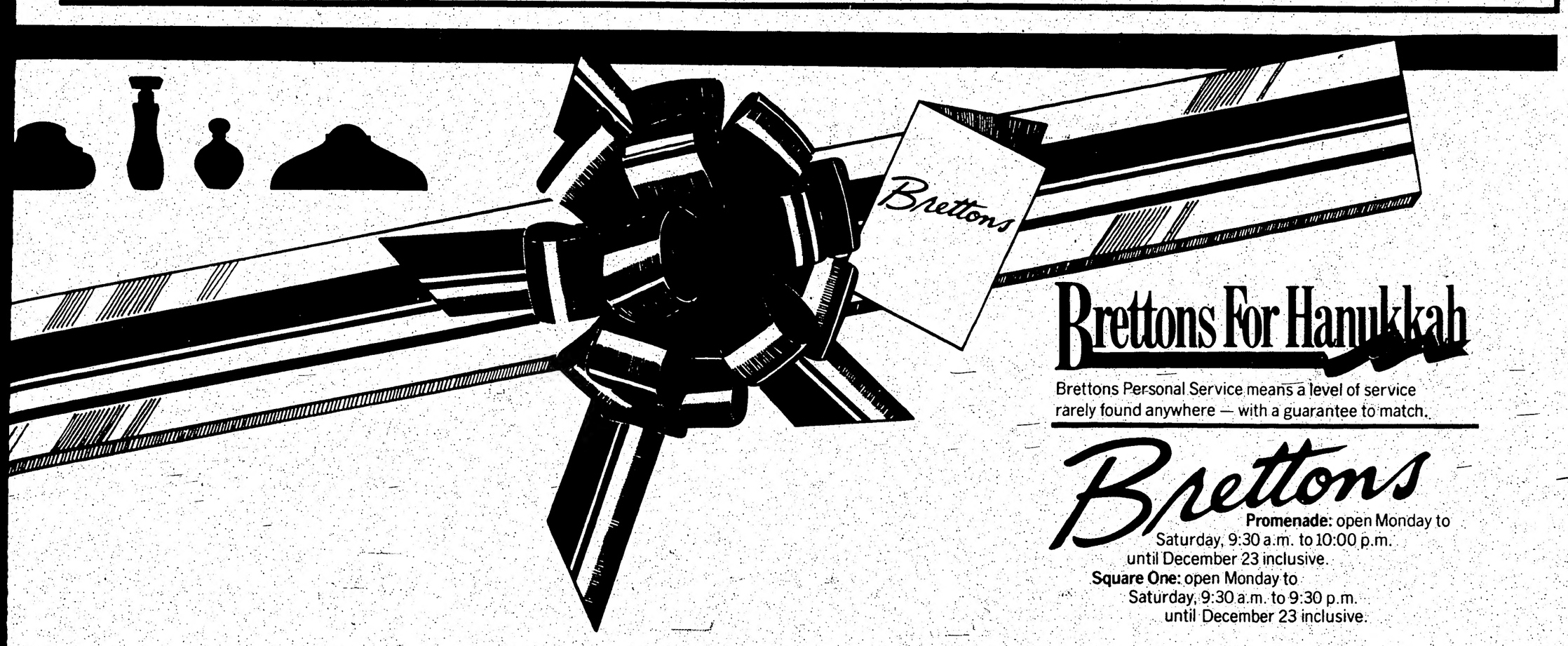

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Arts

Pair of "pretentious pishtosh" plays prove prosaic

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

I must confess that two plays currently running in Toronto theatres were so boring on opening night that I walked out during the intermission.

I've followed that policy, of refusing to tolerate needless tedium, ever since I began reviewing theatrical productions for The CJN.

Now I've coined a short-form term, so that you, too, can easily identify such bummers. They're invariably dreary because they contain traces of what I call the "Three Ps." That is to say, they're written by "Playwrights of Pretentious Pishtosh."

Let me tell you how I spotted the pretentiousness of each "Three P" product in advance.

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The most boring of the two is *October*, running until Dec. 18 at the Tarragon Theatre (30 Bridgman Ave., 531-1827). It's written, casted and directed by 43-year-old John Murrell, who this month assumes administrative office as head of the theatre section of the Canada Council.

My suspicions were aroused about his humorless solemnity when I read preliminary press interviews with Murrell; he was called "one of Canada's best and subtlest playwrights" by Globe and Mail reviewer Ray Conlogue, and "arguably Canada's finest anglophone playwright" by Toronto Star reviewer Robert Crew.

Well, I certainly argue both claims when it comes to *October*. It supposedly deals with the personal sacrifices made on behalf of their art by two turn-of-the-century *grandes dames* of the theatre — the Italian actress, Eleonora Duse, and the founder of American modern dance, Isadora Duncan.

In his advance interviews, Murrell grandiosely referred to himself as an "esthete," who takes up to seven years to polish off a play. "A work of art is not finished," he said. "It is abandoned."

He then went on to patronize audiences who couldn't distinguish between true esthetic art and mere diversion: "I don't have any bias against audiences that come for escapist entertainment and want the play to run over them, like clear, warm water. They have every right to pay for a ticket and get that. But that isn't the audience I'm writing for."

At the risk of being branded a vulgar Philistine, I found that his hour-long first act was like dunking myself in a bath of unclear, swampy water.

It begins with that splendid Canadian actress, Clare Coulter (so high-spirited in the Tarragon production of Eugene O'Neill's *Moon For The Misbegotten*), terribly miscast as the gloomy Duse. In ersatz prose-poetry, reminiscent of Thomas Wolfe and Henry James at their most verbose, she babbles on repetitively about art, beauty, love, the theatre, and life itself being a snare and a delusion.

Incredibly, it's a monologue of uninterrupted kvetching that lasted for 20 minutes.

Listening to it as though in a stupor was that other miscast actress, Martha Burns (a dazzling star in the Shaw Festival's *Major Barbara*) who here vainly tried to breathe life into the Isadora Duncan role.

What we got was the equally mannered posturing of a tragedy queen, who despite the death of her two children, urged her friend "Ellie," in an equally windy monologue, to have faith in the life force, even though it was "beyond logic."

Refusing to immerse myself in the 2-hour, *angst*-ridden 2nd act, I walked out of the theatre brooding over the thoughts:

If Murrell wanted an authentic expression of the joys and woes of a theatre *artiste*, why didn't he borrow from Isadora Duncan's *My Life*, the most vibrant memoirs of a female stage performer I've ever read?

And since Murrell is now the supreme arbiter of the Canada Council's theatre section, would he recommend a grant for a script so full of pretentious balderdash as *October*?

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I was more confused than bored by *Woyzeck*, running until Dec. 18 at the Canadian Stage Company's Downstairs Free Theatre (26 Berkeley St., 368-2856). It's a puppet version of Georg Buchner's 1836 classic about a sad-sack, proletarian German soldier, who murders his whorish wife during his struggle against society's demands for conformity.

Felix Mirbt, the German-born Canadian puppet master, has staged his innovative production with a cast of 30 waist-high wooden puppets, plus five trained puppet manipulators and two actresses to read from the script, all in full view of the audience.

I don't object to his experimentation. After all, the Austrian composer Alban Berg created a successful opera version of *Woyzeck*. And I still recall George Luscombe's novel dramatization two decades ago for Toronto Workshop Productions, with actors performing like circus acrobats.

But I regret to say that Mirbt's misguided production simply doesn't work. It fails for two reasons. One is that his technique, modeled after the Japanese Bunraku-style of puppetry, dominates and detracts from the onstage drama.

The other reason is Mirbt's rigid adherence to Bertholt Brecht's anti-illusion, anti-emotional, alienation philosophy. He wants the audience to think about the action, rather than identifying emotionally with the performers.

In the program notes, Mirbt refers to his puppets loftily as "totemic objects" who embody "a sense of godhead," similar to the way God breathed life into Adam.

He is quoted as saying "the mechanics of the production become a holy process." Then he states defiantly: "I don't care if the audience objects to what I'm doing onstage . . . I just don't want my audience to forget me!"

In other words, I thought, as I escaped from the perplexing clash of humans and puppets onstage, it's the usual Pretentious Pishtosh.

Baggypants burlesque delights

TORONTO —

Imagine a butterball of a man, with short sausage legs, a Silly Putty mouth and Little Orphan Annie eyes, all topped by a floral Turkish yarmulke.

There you have Heath Lamberts.

It's what he does with his mouth and eyes — simpering or sappy, pouty or weepy, mischievous or angelically innocent — that makes him Canada's sovereign farceur.

He exhibits all these mugging expressions, and lots more, in *The Bourgeois Gentleman*, running until Dec. 17 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Heath Lamberts shows his mastery of farce in Moliere's The Bourgeois Gentleman at St. Lawrence Centre.

Translated nicely into idiomatic English by Maureen LaBonte (who did the same fine job for the recent local adaptation of *Le Chien*), it's a spectacular, $480,000 co-production of Quebec City's Theatre du Trident and Toronto's Canadian Stage Company.

Its author, of course, is Jean Baptiste Moliere, France's comedy genius, who wrote it in 1670 for the Sun King, Louis XIV, as a Versailles court *divertissement*.

In its present incarnation, staged by Quebec's prize-winning director, Guillermo de Andrea, I'd call it a splendiferous musical comedy.

With its big-name cast of 30 and featuring 13 modern dancers from the Quebec Danse Partout Company, it's a 3-hour blend of pageantry, pantomime, ballet, satirical *opera bouffe*, vaudevillean *commedia del'arte*, and a great walloping slapstick of baggypants burlesque.

To be sure, it drags in spots and ought to be pruned by at least 30 minutes. Nevertheless, thanks to the inspired sight gagging and inventive comic shtik by Lamberts, it continues to survive — after more than 200 years — as a jamboree of belly laughs fit for a modern king.

Moliere, the son of a merchant upholsterer who became the King's personal valet, initially played the title role himself in this classic spoof of the *nouveaux riches*.

The butt of the tomfoolery is a social-climbing shopkeeper who squanders a fortune learning how to be an aristocrat. He's a muddle-headed ignoramus. However, in the jest of one of the many court parasites who exploits him, "his wallet is discerning."

Lamberts hasn't milked a role so amusingly since he last played the long-nosed cavalier five seasons ago in the Shaw Festival's *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Here he uses every bit of stage buffoonery possible, short of dropping his Turkish pantaloons, to squeeze laughs.

Among other mirth-provoking gimmicks, he allows his mincing, la-de-da tailor (played by that master Jewish clown, Howard Jerome), to gussy him up like a fat Little Bo Peep — somewhat diminished in grandeur, though, by the hole in his stocking.

He flees fearfully up a ladder and waves his hanky as a sign of truce when escaping from his fencing master, "Mr. Sword Swisher," (Mo Bock). He practices how to gargle his vowels stylishly from his philosophy master (Peter Boretski). And he makes his exit with panache, wagging his preposterously feathered hat a la Jimmy Durante.

Moliere, who filched hoary gags dating back hundreds of years to the ancient shlokmeisters Plautus and Aristophanes, would have approved his pilfering.

I haven't seen a Moliere classic performed so entertainingly in English since the Stratford Festival did his *Tartuffe* with William Hutt two decades ago. And so we should be grateful for this rollicking revival of — to use Moliere's original Gallic title — ahem! — *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Why swing king Artie Shaw rejected fame, riches

By
FRANK RASKY

Artie Shaw

Rita Gam

Bronwyn Drainie

Leo Orenstein

Ellen Cohen

Diana Walker

You may recall that at the Academy Award presentations last year, Toronto filmmaker **Brigitte Berman** won an Oscar for her documentary.

It was titled *All You Have Is Time*, and it dealt with a publicity-hating, jazz-loving Jewish musician born **Arthur Abraham Arshawsky** on the Lower East Side of New York, but better known around the world as **Artie Shaw**.

In his heyday, he was renowned for being the world's greatest and handsomest clarinet player, who married eight beauties, such as **Ava Gardner, Lana Turner, Evelyn Keyes**, and the sexy *Forever Amber* novelist **Kathleen Winsor**.

He was also the leader of the swing music world's most popular big band, earning $55,000 a week (equivalent to $550,000 today), and responsible for five Hit Parade records (especially *Begin The Beguine, Star Dust* and *Frenesi*), which sold a phenomenal 65 million copies.

In 1954, Shaw did the inconceivable and impossible by flouting the two cardinal principles of the American way of life. He turned his back on his fame and his riches.

Then he irrevocably retired from the hoopla of the music business, which he detested, and cloistered himself to write two literate autobiographical works of fiction — *The Trouble With Cinderella* and *I Love You, I Hate You, Drop Dead*.

Those book titles reflect his own complex, abrasive and volatile personality, which was partially caught in Berman's celluloid portrait.

On the March 30 Oscar night in 1987, the reclusive Shaw made a rare public appearance attending the Academy Award rites in Los Angeles with the Canadian documentary producer. They ran a gamut of TV cameramen grabbing pictures of the celebrities attending.

Not a single camera was aimed at Shaw. When asked about this, he laughed happily.

"It took me 30 years," he said, still chuckling, "and I had to grow a beard and lose my hair to finally achieve this condition."

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This anecdote appears, not in Berman's film, but in the best essay I've ever read about my swing idol, Shaw, in a marvellous new book by **Gene Lees**, former editor of Down Beat Magazine. It's titled *Meet Me At Jim & Andy's: Jazz Musicians And Their World* (Oxford University Press; 265 pages; $22.95).

When I once asked Shaw in an interview why he'd quit showbiz, he roared explosively, "Music is such a horrendously all-consuming discipline, and I just didn't want to be just a half-assed human being in order to become a whole-assed musician!"

He's now a bald-headed, 78-year-old codger, living quietly in a suburb of Los Angeles. But he's far from being an extinct volcano. In his entertaining interview with Lees, he issued this thunderous tirade directed against fan groupies:

"It is a very strange thing to realize you are no longer a person," he said. "You have become a thing, an object, and the public thinks you belong to them.

"A guy yelled at me, 'We made you!' I said, 'Well, break me, man. If you're powerful enough to make me, break me. I'm waiting. Do it.' They look at you, baffled. Another line is, 'Who do you think you are?' And I'd say, 'I know who I am. Who are you?'

"Some people like fame. I wonder if they'd like it if they had it long enough. **Johnny Carson** hates it. Johnny told me he hardly ever goes anywhere because someone is always trying to pick a fight. I'll tell you another guy. **Mohammed Ali**. People are always taking a poke at him. What can they lose? He can't hit them back.

"**Julius LaRosa** played a gig in Dallas last year. A couple of ladies came up to him and one of them pulled his cheek and said to her girlfriend, 'You see? I told you it isn't a face lift.'

"People are always asking me, 'Don't you miss playing?' Well of course I miss playing. But not enough to give up what I've got now. It's like having a gangrenous arm. The only thing you can do is amputate it. Obviously you're gonna miss the arm, but if you don't cut it off, you'll die."

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Rita Gam, herself a Jewish Hollywood actress, has also written with vivacity and a sense of intimacy a series of celebrity profiles. Her gallery of portraits is titled *Actors: A Celebration* (McClelland & Stewart; 230 pages; $20.95).

I was astonished by her skill at eliciting quotable quotes out of **Elliott Gould**, the most elusive, inarticulate Jewish Hollywood star I've ever tried to interview.

Gould, you'll recall, is the former husband of another off-the-wall Jewish star, **Barbra Streisand**. Before she gave birth to their son, **Jason**, and became a superstar, they lived together in a tiny walkup flat in Manhattan with a live-in rat and Barbra's dream of success consisted of being able to buy 10 honeydew melons "and eat only the top half of each one."

When Gam asked Gould about their marriage, he made this reply which still baffles me: "Men need liberation from the female mind, but we've got to face it — there are no eggs without hens."

Gould is a bit more coherent when he talks about the trauma of being asked by the distinguished Swedish director, **Ingmar Bergman** to play the role of a Jewish refugee who has to strip to the buff in a rape scene opposite **Bibi Andersson** in *The Touch*. The hardest part, recalls Gould, was having to learn Hebrew, so that he could conclude his sexual climax with an ancient Hebrew curse.

"Wow!" Gould remembered, sighing like a wounded bear. "That was some tormented character I was playing."

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Toronto broadcaster-journalist **Bronwyn Drainie** has chronicled far more than a biography of her father in her new book, *Living The Part: John Drainie and the Dilemma of Canadian Stardom* (Gage; 340 pages; $27.95).

Her central character may be **John Drainie**, best known to Canadians as the gifted actor who portrayed Jake in the CBC-Radio series, *Jake and the Kid*. But really, it's a candid, behind-the-scenes history of the Canadian theatre scene, told in human terms by a perceptive and very talented author, herself a mother of two sons and the stepdaughter of the Jewish Canadian film pioneer, **Nat Taylor**.

Typical of her now-it-can-be-told revelations is her interview with the late **Lorne Greene**, who told her before his death why the Voice of Doom newscaster left Canada to seek his fortune in Hollywood: "He comes back over and over to the anti-semitism he encountered working in Canada, especially from French Canadian MPs who objected to a Jew hosting the national news and the patriotic *Carry On Canada* series for the National Film Board."

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A tip of my hat this week goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to **Ellen Cohen**, the Montreal-born theatre graduate of York University and London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, who has snaffled the plum role of Marion, the tempestuous prostitute, in **Georg Buchner's** classic tragedy, *Danton's Death*. It's about the disillusionment of the French Revolution's chief leader, playing from Dec. 8 to 18 at Equity Showcase Theatre, 231 Queen's Quay (963-9226).

Congratulations to **Leo Orenstein**, the multi-gifted theatre director and playwright, who at 69 is also an exquisite artist. He began painting in 1979 after recovering from surgery for cancer of the bowel. His exhibition of what he calls 31 *Erotica Epiphanies* consists of watercolors that "glorify the human body and its urges of love or lust." It opens at 8 p.m. Dec. 10 in the main floor dining room of the Strathcona Hotel, 60 York St., and runs until Jan. 20 (925-2226).

Diana Walker is the owner, hostess and disc jockey of what I consider to be the hottest new supper club for singles in town. It's Reservations For Two, designed for people aged 25 to 65 who are jaded with the meat-market bar scene and blind dating clubs. She prescreens members over a quiet cup of coffee, and provides gourmet private dinners for no more than 50, followed by taped music dinner dancing. She's featuring club jamborees Dec. 11, 17 and 31; the cost is $40 for members and $50 for guests; phone 964-9392. P.S.: She's attractive, 35, Jewish, and single, but says, "I'm *not* looking to get married."

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I bow out with this **Groucho Marx** formula for success: "The secret of success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you've got it made."

Jewish Folk Choir concert to be seen on Rogers Cable

TORONTO —

A special concert by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir at the annual Chanukah Candlelight Dinner of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living will be televised by Rogers Cable on Dec. 12 and 13.

The concert will be carried on Channel 10's North York cable system on Monday, Dec. 12 at 10 p.m., and on the entire cable system on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

The concert, which will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Betel Centre, will feature Chanukah songs in Hebrew and English and, in Yiddish, excerpts from the folk operatta, *Rozhinkes mit Mandlen* (Raisins and Almonds), with music and texts by the founder of modern Jewish theatre, Avrom Goldfadden, including the beloved lullaby of the title.

Soloists for that work will be Michael Mandel, tenor, and Ursula Ivonoffski, soprano.

Also on the program are *Birdsong*, from Charles Davidson's suite, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, set to poems by children of the Terezin Ghetto in Czechoslovakia during World War II, and Canadian folk songs, performed by the Choir's Ensemble Singers.

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Arts

Will Kimberly Glasco become the new Karen Kain?

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

As the National Ballet of Canada winds up its season this month, there's no doubt that the lion's share of the magazine-cover and TV publicity went to 37-year-old Karen Kain.

Nobody deserved the accolades more than the one-time self-styled overweight, buck-toothed ugly duckling from Hamilton, Ont., who transformed herself miraculously into the beautiful swan princess.

At last week's $250-a-ticket champagne and dinner gala, celebrating her 20 years with the company, she was justly hailed as the No. 1 icon of the Canadian dance world.

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Here are my personal selections of other highlights of the season.

STANDOUT FEMALE SUPERSTAR: **Kimberly Glasco.**

At 28, the up-and-coming new Kain from the National Ballet School, doubtless wreathed with her perpetual saucy smile, will be portraying both the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Snow Queen intermittently in Tchaikovsky's beloved candy-cane ballet for the kiddies, *The Nutcracker*, during its run from Dec. 13 to 31 at the O'Keefe Centre.

I found her a radiant enchantress in every title role she played this season, from *Sleeping Beauty* to *Alice*.

STANDOUT MALE SUPERSTAR: **Rex Harrington.**

"Sexy Rexy," as his fans nickname the 6-foot, 26-year-old dancer from Peterborough, Ont., has demonstrated he is more than a modern matinee idol with dark, Byronic good looks.

In George Balanchine's *Symphony In C* and *Serenade*, Harrington disproved with his lyrical, soaring movements the choreographer's claim that "a ballet is a woman; the male is secondary."

Harrington also proved he was a convincing actor as a guest at Tetley's tea party — I mean the mad party that Glen Tetley choreographed in his Freudian version of *Alice In Wonderland*, where illusion meets reality.

Harrington displayed his theatrical skill by making us accept as plausible his sensuously romantic depiction of Lewis Carroll, better known publicly as the shy, stammering Oxford University don, who secretly photographed 10-year-old Alice in the nude while relating whimsical tales to the Victorian child.

MOST DISAPPOINTING BALLET PREMIERE: *Have Steps, Will Travel.*

The Globe and Mail ballet reviewer raved that it was a "witty feast of imagery." But I thought that John Alleyne, the National Ballet's 28-year-old, Barbados-born, Quebec-raised dancer had pieced together an emotionless, plotless, meaningless, formless rock video masquerading as a ballet.

It was a mere accompaniment to the nervously neurotic piano concerto created by the funky Australian composer, Malcolm Williamson. And, regrettably, neither the music nor the dance seemed to travel anywhere.

MOST ENTHRALLING CANADIAN BALLET: *The Blue Snake.*

Its performance last week was the third time I'd seen a revival of Robert Desrosiers' surreal fantasy. Yet it seemed as fresh and funny and thrilling as when it originated in the carnival funhouse of Desrosiers' mind back in 1985.

The 35-year-old Montreal-born wizard of the bizarre, trained at the National Ballet School of Canada, remains for me the most original of our native choreographers. When I see his monster, with greedy eyes, chomping jaws and giant clutching fingers, devouring ballet dancers as though they were mobile pretzels, I laugh my head off and once again admire the audacity of his imagination.

Desrosiers reminds us that ballet is essentially theatre, a source of wonder and makebelieve and magic, that should consistently entrance us.

Diane Keaton excells in The Good Mother

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Diane Keaton is back once more as a feminist surrogate, fighting battles for women all across North America.

In *Baby Boom*, she was J.C. Wiatt, a successful executive who tried to juggle motherhood with corporate responsibilities.

Now, in *The Good Mother*, she's caught between an adorable child and an irresistible lover in a landscape of shifting moral and cultural norms.

Directed by Leonard Nimoy (he of *Star Trek* and *Mission Impossible*), *The Good Mother* is based on Sue Miller's best-selling novel of the same name.

Anna Dunlap (Keaton), a straitlaced child of the 1960s, lives alone with her 6-year-old daughter, Molly. Dunlap's passionless marriage has been over for a while, and now she devotes herself selflessly to Molly (Asia Vieira), a frisky, demanding kid.

Her somewhat idyllic existence with Molly is shattered after she meets Leo Cutter (Liam Neeson), an Irish artist, in a neighborhood laundromat.

Anna, a piano teacher who washes test tubes in a lab so she can make ends meet, falls in love with Leo. In time, they become intimate. One night, as they're making love, Molly walks into the bedroom. Amid the tangle of arms and legs, Molly shares their bed innocently.

Anna's ex-husband, Brian (James Naughton), sues Anna for custody of Molly after he gets wind of that and finds out that Leo, a naive free spirit, once let Molly touch his penis in a very unguarded moment.

Anna's lawyer (Jason Robards) advises her that she has no chance of winning in court unless she disavows her relationship with Leo, the most important thing in her life besides Molly.

Naturally, Anna resists. But when she realizes the depth of her troubles, she makes the only decision she can under the circumstances.

The Good Mother **distills the agony and the unfairness of Anna's unenviable situation with sympathy and empathy. Nimoy has a deft hand, but it's worth speculating whether he could have deleted early scenes of Anna's childhood that don't really advance the plot.**

In any event, these rustic sequences, shot around Parry Sound, Ont., permit Ralph Bellamy and Teresa Wright (Keaton's "grandparents") to shine as actors.

Keaton herself is no slouch either. Depending on the occasion, her moods run the gamut from unalloyed joy to uncluttered rage. And at 42, she has ripened into a most attractive woman.

Neeson conveys the impression he's supposed to — that of a schlemiel.

The Good Mother **deals with pertinent social issues without preaching or moralizing. It would have been easy for Nimoy to have fallen into that trap. But, thankfully, he does not. And because of his restraint, this is a film worth seeing.**

It's playing at Famous Players theatres.

Diane Keaton and Asia Vieira in The Good Mother.

Trouble is My Business wastes the talents of mime Gilmour

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The talents of mime Dean Gilmour are wasted in *Trouble is My Business* in which he spoofs the private dicks who inhabit the pages of Dashiel Hammett and Raymond Chandler and the screens of their movie adaptations.

We've had a surfeit of this type of thing and it's time the genre was laid to rest, impersonations of Humphrey Bogart notwithstanding.

Max Chamus, (Gilmour) is hired to tail Angel (Siobhan McCormick) and predictably falls for her. "I can still remember the smell of her perfume and the size of her shoe," Max says.

Far from being a patsy, Angel outthinks and outmaneuvers Max and finally tosses him out a window. A graduate of the same school of mime in Paris as Gilmour and Michele Smith, who directed the play, McCormick plays her part well. She also had a hand in the script along with Smith and Gilmour.

One of the funniest scenes in *Trouble is my Business* is when a trussed-up Gilmour tries to answer the phone and write a note while wriggling free.

Theatre Smith-Gilmour have done so much to educate the Toronto theatre-going audience about miming and clowning that this slight hour-long production (no intermission) should not be considered representative of their work.

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Koffler Gallery a treasure waiting to be discovered

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

After eight years in operation, the Koffler Gallery remains a virtually undiscovered treasure.

Certainly exhibition openings are eagerly attended by the faithful and visitors come to see what piques their interest, but much of the community seems to be only dimly aware of the Koffler, the largest public gallery in North York.

"It's somewhere in the JCC, isn't it? I can't seem to find it."

This is a major problem. Tucked away at one end of an athletic complex and having an unprepossessing entrance, the gallery is hard to find. But anyone willing to do a little exploring will be rewarded.

The YM-YWHA (now the Jewish Community Centre) opened its northern branch at 4588 Bathurst St. in 1957.

During expansion in the 70s, pharmacist-philantropist Murray Koffler pushed for the inclusion of a cultural wing, looking at dance, music, theatre, visual arts. He offered to seed a visual arts division with $1 million. Businessman Abe Posluns put up money toward construction of a theatre to be named in memory of his mother, Leah. Both facilities were officially inaugurated in 1976.

Jane Mahut, who had supervised the ceramics sector at the Bloor Y, was invited to head the new visual arts department, becoming its first director, a position she holds to this day.

She notes, "At first we didn't know what the community would respond to. I found out that the interest lay in drawing and painting, sculpture, ceramics.

"We did workshops, classes, lectures, reflecting these interests and we set up art exhibitions by our teachers, all professionals, in our open space, the Loggia Gallery. We wanted the students to see what the experts were doing."

There is also a unique 5-year design course geared to both the beginner and advanced student. "To the best of my knowledge, it is the only part-time design studies program in Canada," states Mahut. "We're serious about it. We spend two years on color alone."

The instructors' exhibitions evolved into a full display concept. Classrooms adjacent to the 1,000 sq. ft. Loggia Gallery were moved to another location in the building and the area was converted to a 2,000 sq. ft. Main Gallery which opened in 1980.

The Koffler Gallery was born.

Under Mahut's direction it has blossomed into a public gallery meriting the pride of the entire community. Mahut praises her administrative assistant Rose Brinder as well as education officer and publicist, Sandy Slossel.

The board of directors too, steered by past president Aaron Milrad, "Canada's art lawyer," now succeeded by Linda Book, is very supportive. Milrad, author of *Art and the Law*, has moved on to chair the board.

The Koffler Gallery's mandate, says Book, is to encourage excellence, and she credits Mahut with the courage, drive and "knowing the people to approach" to achieve this.

"Our policy is to do one show each year with something of Jewish cultural interest or Judaica," Mahut declares. "Of course at other times we also exhibit the works of talented artists who happen to be Jewish. But she adds that the choice is not based on ethnic background. "A public gallery is about achievement in art."

The Joseph Carrier Gallery in the Columbus Centre, she observes, often features Jewish artists simply because they are good. "I will show the work of an Italian, a Japanese or anyone else, for the same reason. We are a Jewish Centre and this is our house, but our neighbors are welcome."

The director does try to display the art of Israel because she looks on the country as one of the newer nations and wants to show what it is doing.

The Koffler presents prestigious, often striking exhibitions — a Jack Bush Retrospective, the American Folk Art Show, the David Campbell Collection of Faberge and Russian Enamel Works. Mahut was delighted when a Russian Orthodox priest who had seen the enamels, urged his congregation to visit the gallery.

She stresses however, that she is not looking for sellable art, but for that which is controversial, and will interest the reviewers. "I want to place young artists and others who deserve recognition, on the world stage."

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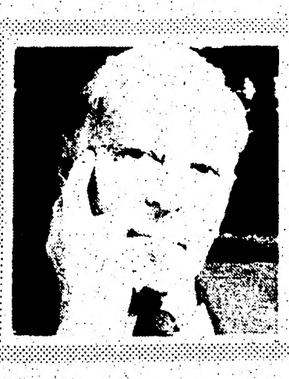

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Sometimes A Great Nation: Will Canada Belong to the 21st Century? By Peter Newman. McClelland & Stewart, $27.95.

Here are some memorable quotations from this entertaining and informative book, a distillation of two decades of Peter Newman's journalism on themes that have shaped the Canadian character and identity.

• On Judy LaMarsh: "When she landed at Eskimo Point in the Northwest Territories during the centennial celebrations, she introduced herself to a group of Inuit by patting her ample hips and exclaiming, 'See, I brought my own supply of blubber!' "

• On Canadian charity: Newman's explanation to a Billy Graham campaign worker in 1982 on why so little money was collected at the Toronto crusade. "This is Canada. Before you ask for money, just make it clear that donations will be acknowledged with tax receipts. Even when they're saving their souls, Canadians want to be sure it's deductible."

• On Canadian water: "One-fifth of the United States will face a chronic water shortage by the year 2000 . . . Unlike energy, which can be obtained from many sources, water to fill critical gaps in U.S. water supplies can be got only by importing it from Canada." He quotes Eric Kierans, "Of course, the United States will not simply come and grab our water, they'll find another rationale — like saving us from the Russians."

• On Premier Vander Zalm of British Columbia: "Ever since taking office, he has demonstrated the attention span of a squirrel, enunciating policies at the drop of a microphone . . . This style of political surfboarding was best caught by former premier Dave Barrett, who once described Vander Zalm's operation code as 'Ready! Fire! Aim.' "

• On Jews: "They operate on the principle that the guarantee of their continued freedom in Canada depends on how effectively they can make their public and private interests coincide. That's why contributions by Jews to so many of the country's cultural and philanthropic institutions run proportionately far above their numbers. They are among this country's most valuable citizens, warm, generous, and amazingly productive, proud if slightly insecure about being Canadian."

• On the Toronto Stock Exchange: "Despite its fancy trimmings, Bay Street is nothing more — or less — than Canada's most fashionable gambling casino."

Newman believes that after a century of uncertainty and indecision Canada has at last come of age, has entered into a period of long desired maturity. "We have attained a state of delicious grace which allows us to appreciate that what's important is not so much who we are but that we are — that sometimes a large nation can become a great one."

The book's 60 or so brief articles on the changing political scene, profiles and obituaries of prominent Canadian personalities, and insights into the world of business are never without acuity and distinction. Newman, author of a dozen books and countless articles possesses the gift to transmute journalism into art.

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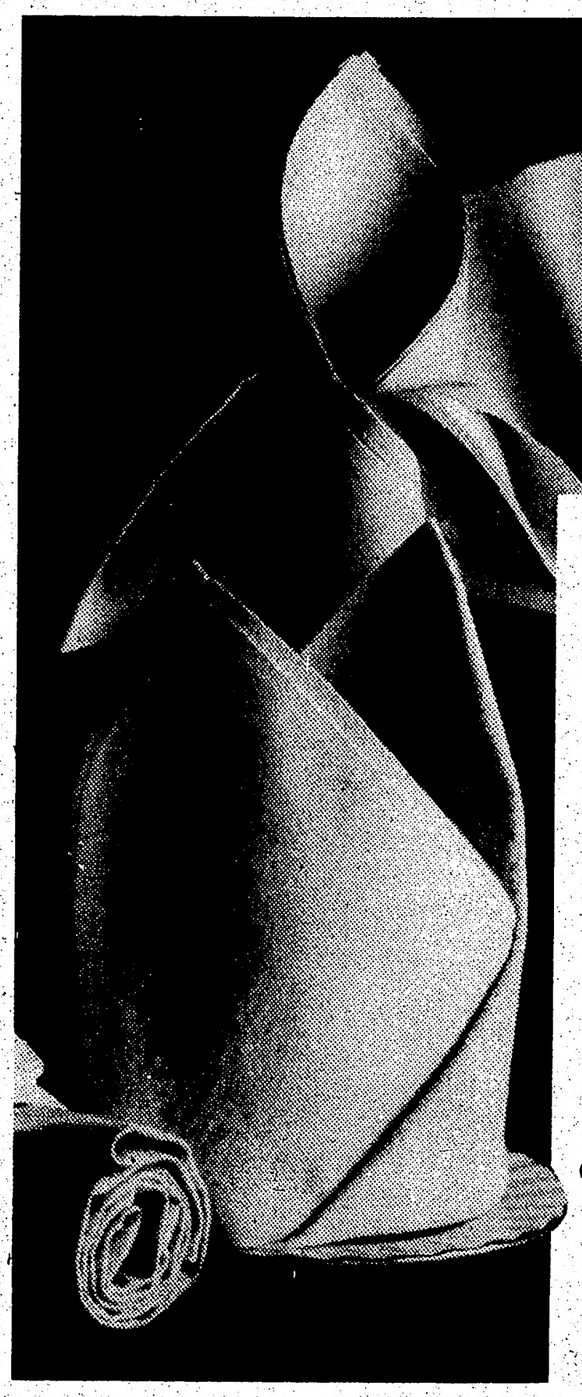

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Arnold - Gottlieb Gallery: A group show by gallery artists including Vidal Alcolea, Frank Pimental, Susanna Samanek. Until Jan. 1. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 313. 359-0103.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *Off the Wall*, presented by the Art Rental and Sales Gallery of the AGO, is a special collection of contemporary and Inuit art selected to appeal to holiday shoppers. Until Jan. 8. *Walter Trier: A Celebration of Toys*, an annual exhibition of rare antique toys, drawings and paintings by humorist book illustrator Walter Trier. To Feb. 5. Sculptural and phototextual works and installations by Ian Carr-Harris. Continues through Feb. 5. And, until Jan. 15, *Drawings by Holbein from the Court of Henry VIII*. Fifty drawings from the collection of Her Majesty the Queen. 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

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Del Bello Gallery: *Third Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art*. A major show with over 2,000 artists from 60 countries represented, including 15 Israelis. Runs to Dec. 30. 363 Queen St. W. 593-0884.

Design Concepts Gallery: Sculptures by Loredano Rosin and paintings by Daniele Parinello. To Dec. 24. 20 Mural St., Richmond Hill. (Hwy. 7 and Leslie area). 764-3737.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Sheila Butler, New Work, until Dec. 14. Following this, a show featuring Canadian and international artists, until Jan. 5. Located at 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Fred Boedeker's Gallery: Recently opened in The Beaches, has added new artists, watercolorists Elizabeath Barry and Jennifer Cline as well as sculptor (bronze and terra cotta) Hanka Boos. 2257 Queen St. 691-6094.

Galerie Dresdnere: Oil stick drawings and large canvases by Stephen Lack. Until Dec. 15. A display by gallery artists continues to February. At 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

First Impressions Gallery: *The Winter Show*, works by printmakers Alvar, Mark Buck, Hagin, Jiang, Rizzi and others. To Jan. 12. 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Gallery Moos: New Works by Cold Lake Indian artist, Alex Janvier. Acrylic paintings, abstracts on canvas. Dec. 7-Jan. 11. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Garnet Press Gallery: *Leaf*, Stephen Andrews, Jane Buyers, Carlo Cesta, Leslie Corry, Andy Fabo, Chrysanne Stathacos. Continues to Dec. 23. 580 Richmond St. 366-5012.

George Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *Painters and the Derby China Works*, watercolors by 18th and 19th century artists from the Derby factories, exhibited in conjunction with Derby porcelain. To Jan. 22. 111 Queen's Park. 593-9300.

The Gibson House Gallery: North York Calligraphy Guild show, through December. At 5172 Yonge St. 225-0146.

Harborfront: *Enchantment/Disturbance*, at The Power Plant until Jan. 8. A body of work combining visual pleasure and enchantment with disturbing challenge. 231 Queen's Quay W. 973-4949.

The Innuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: *Master Sculptors from Baker Lake:* To Dec. 24. 9 Prince Arthur Ave: 921-9985.

The Isaacs Gallery: *Children's Parade*, holograms by Michael Snow. On view to Jan. 7 (closed Dec. 25-Jan. 1). 179 John St. 595-0770.

Istituto Italia Di Cultura: *Piazzetta and His Circle*, 18th century drawings from the Castello Sforezesco Civic Museum in Milan, presented in collaboration with the Art Gallery of Ontario. Until Dec. 22. 496 Huron St. 921-3802 or 921-8637.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Le Nouveau Nouveau Monde*, an exhibition of contemporary Canadian architecture through specially commissioned photographs. This is its only Canadian venue. Until Dec. 30. 77 Wellesley St. W. For information call 449-9543.

Waiting by Canadian James Hocking at the Third Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art at he Del Bello Gallery.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: East Gallery, The Art of Jeremy Smith, paintings and drawings. West Gallery, David Milne. Selections from the Hart House permanent collection. To Dec. 15. East Gallery, large scale monotypes by Lorene Bourgeois. West Gallery, mixed media sculpture and drawings, Edward Pien. Jan. 3-28. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Karney Daniels Gallery: Gallery artists through December. At 11 Yorkville Ave. (west of Yonge St.) 964-1122.

The Koffler Gallery: *Glass in Sculpture*, the work of 18 sculptors from Ontario and Quebec, in the Main Gallery, until Jan. 10. In the Loggia Gallery, an outstanding and unusual series of photographs by Mir Bareket entitled, *Jerusalem from 1 to 31: A City Calendar*. Featured are numbers from the city's gateposts, shutters and walls - painted, drawn, precisely printed. Jan. 12. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145. Dec. 7-Jan. 12.

Leo Kamen Gallery: *New Paintings*, Alessandro Koscinski. *Inscriptions*, Cristina Lazar. New works on masonite and canvas, Lizanne Merrill/Sofi Pierce, electronically painted assemblages. Through December at 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 208. Phone 365-9515.

The Market Gallery: *Home Sweet Home Toronto*, Photographs of Toronto dwellings from the city's first brick homes to the 1940s urban renewal. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Jackson War Paintings*, World War I drawings and oil sketches by A.Y. Jackson. To Jan. 8. *Landmarks VII and VIII*, features notable works by Frederick Varley and Tom Thomson. Continues to Jan. 22. (Jazz is offered every Sunday, 1-4 p.m. at McMichael, Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. 893-1121.

MTCVA Gallery (Metro Toronto Visitors Convention and Visitors Association Gallery): *Fine Canadian Group Exhibition*., photography and painting. To Jan. 3. On the 5th floor at 207 Queen's Quay W. 925-2226.

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The Purple Institution: New sculpture by John Redekop, multi-media, woods, metals, reworked found objects. To Dec. 15. At 42 Gladstone Ave., north of Queen. 533-4390.

Quan.Schieder Gallery: New paintings by Mary Pavey, oil on board floral still-lifes. Through Dec. 15. Miniature paintings by gallery artists, featuring Barry McCarthy, Philip Craig, Mary Pavey and Ernestine Tahedl. Dec. 17 through Jan. 3. 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

Royal Canadian Academy of Arts: Recent works by General Idea, a collaborative unit of three artists, A.A. Bronson, Felix Partz and Jorge Zontal, winners of the 3rd annual Gershon Iskowitz Prize. Through Dec. At 8 Adelaide St. E. 363-9612.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum): It's the last few weeks for the riveting *Dinosaurs Past and Present*, some 150 paintings, huge computerized sculptures and illustrations by 28 artists. At the museum until Jan. 2. Take the subway to 100 Queen's Park. Here until Jan. 2. 586-5549.

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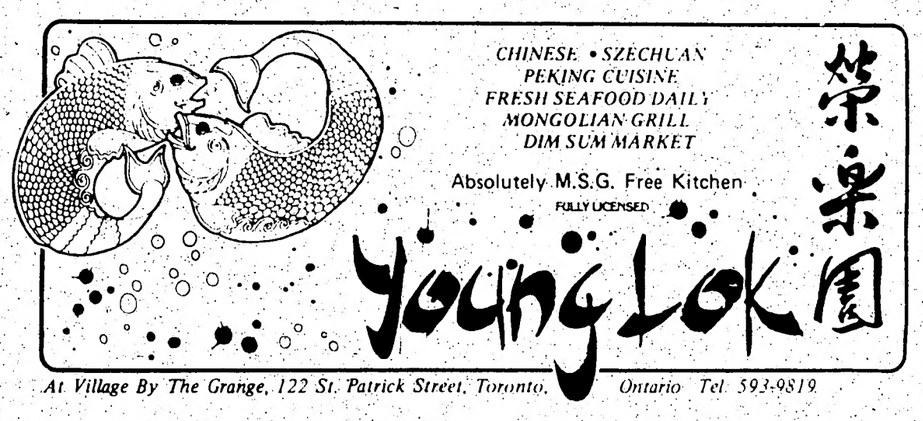

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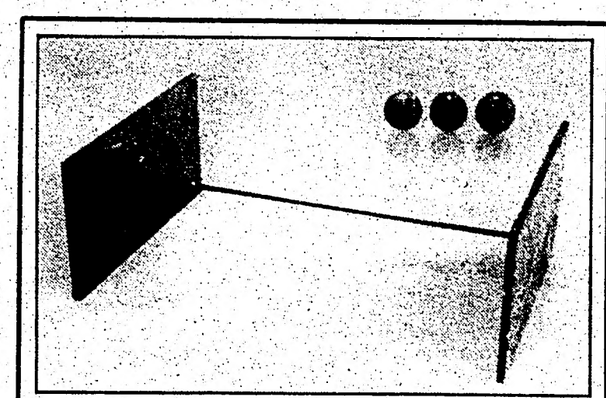

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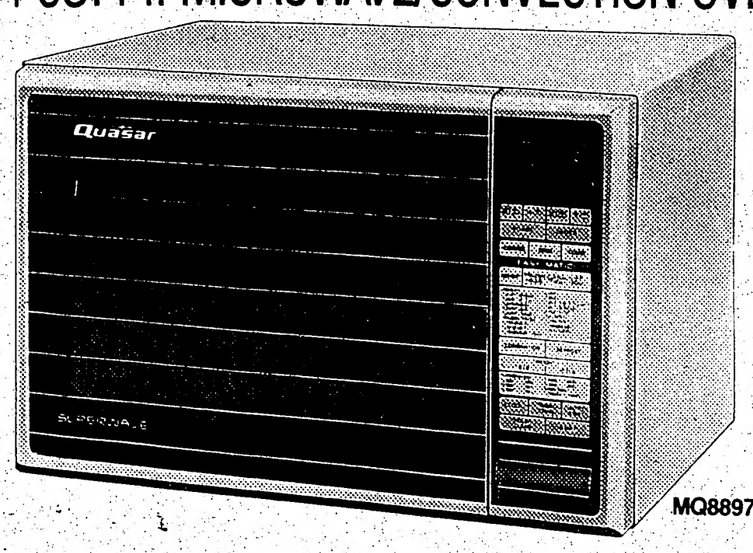

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

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The submarine can take up to 48 passengers 100 feet (30.5 metres) below the surface to view multicolored iridescent fish darting in and out of the old Spanish and British shipwrecks and see the most northern coral reefs in the ocean.

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The submersible has large windows and plenty of lights to illuminate the undersea landscapes so that the 45-minute dives can be made throughout the day and after dark. (Fees for the submarine trip is U.S. $50 for adults, $25 for children 5 to 12 years old.) Plans are being made for cruisers to take cruise ship passengers from Hamilton, to the submarine.

Also at St. George's you can now have a free 1-hour tour of the Bermuda Biological Station, where research is continuing on the Greenhouse effect of our modern life on the earth's ozone layer. With increasing interest in the environment, the station's staff is explaining the work of the scientists at the Ferry Reach location which has been under way for over 50 years. Tours are held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

St. George's became the capital of the Bermuda colony in 1612 and among the sights is the Old State House which was built in 1620. Nearby is the restored 18th century Town Hall where the Lord Mayor wearing his chain of office, on Saturdays from December to March, greets visitors and the town crier in old-fashioned style makes announcements. Here too are the stocks and pillory used in olden times to punish criminals.

You can easily walk about St. George's, meandering along narrow walled alleys such as Old Maid's Lane, Featherbed Alley and Shinbone Alley. There are several museums in the old town, including one to the role Bermuda played during the American Civil War of the 1860s. Close by are some of the forts built in past centuries, of which Fort St. Catherine is one to visit.

Shopping is a major attraction in Bermuda since many cruise ships stop at Hamilton. Along Front St., just alongside the cruise ship wharf, you can buy everything from the most luxurious imports to local products. During Rendezvous Time in the fall and winter months, the shopping is more pleasant for there are fewer cruise ships arriving.

You can play golf and tennis at most hotels just about all year. The temperature in winter seldom goes below 15 (60 F). There are more bargain rates at hotels and guest houses at that time of year, but there are plenty of attractions and you can get about the island by bicycle, motorcycle, taxi, horseback, horse and buggy, or on foot.

There are eight golf courses on this group of islands, the land area of which is 20 square miles in all. There are also about 100 tennis courts, many with night playing equipment.

Sightseeing in Hamilton should include the Sessions House and nearby Cabinet Building, the former where the legislature sits on the 2nd floor and the Bermuda Supreme Court on the ground floor. In the Cabinet Building the unelected Senate and the government cabinet hold their meetings.

There is the Perot Post Office where in 1848 the then postmaster William B. Perot issued the first Bermuda postage stamp; the Bermuda Historical Society Museum is in a 19th century home nearby; the modern 1960-built whitewashed city hall is on Queen St.; and you can have a fine view of Hamilton from the century-old hilltop Fort Hamilton.

Throughout the main island and the other more than 140 small islands which make up Bermuda there are lighthouses to visit, caves to explore, ferries to travel between the islands, and drawbridges connecting the islands which open for sailing boats or larger ships. The smallest such drawbridge is Somerset Bridge in Sandy's Parish, claimed to be the smallest in the world, just wide enough to allow a small sailing ship's mast to pass through.

(There is only a small Jewish community in Bermuda and no regular synagogue, though services for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and other festivals are held in rented premises.)

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Travel

Parades, fireworks across Ontario

Huntsville's Winter Wonderfest just one of many

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

HUNTSVILLE, Ont. — Winter Wonderfest will be held here Feb. 1-5, 1989. It is one of many winter festivals throughout Ontario. Planned are parades, fireworks, snow sculpture competition, a photography contest, snowmobile and motorcycle races.

At nearby Gravenhurst the Muskoka Winter Carnival is slated for the weekend of Feb. 25 and 26, with hockey and snopitch tournaments, antique and classic auto show, torchlight parades, dances, pancake breakfasts and many other events.

At other Ontario winter carnivals there will be parades with decorated floats, likely a Carnival Queen who rides one of the floats, marching bands, trick cyclists and clowns.

Most carnivals are the work of local volunteer citizens, aided by summer cottagers who come for the skiing and other winter sports. Everybody gets into the act in some way. In some Ontario communities the winter carnival has become the biggest celebration of the year.

Some of the fun at a recent Ontario winter carnival.

Niagara Falls events

If you want a 1- or 2-day outing in Ontario this winter, here are some of the festivals to be held in the southern part of the province, and a few which will be in more distant sections:

In London the Winter Heritage Carnival is Jan. 22 or Jan. 29, depending on snow conditions. On the program are dog team demonstrations, toboggan races, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and cross-country skiing.

Niagara Falls has its annual Winter Festival of Lights until Feb. 18, when both sides of the famous falls, in Ontario and New York state, will have spectacular lighting displays, top-name entertainers, dances and sports. There will be craft shows Jan. 27 to 29.

Orillia will hold its annual Dec. 30 Stephen Leacock Birthday Party when readings of his many humorous works will be heard at the Leacock Memorial Home.

Midland on Georgian Bay has a Winterfest Fun weekend Jan. 19 to 22 with snowshoeing, snow snake throwing, figure skating, model airplanes and model train exhibits, pancake breakfasts and an art show.

The Blue Mountain Winter Carnival is at Collingwood Feb. 3 to 11, with snow sculptures, snow volleyball, snow golf, cross-country skiing, curling, a costume ball and other events, as well as crowds of skiers if there is plenty of snow.

Ottawa's Winterlude is from Feb. 3 to 12 with major events on the frozen Rideau Canal, barrel-jumping competitions, speed skating and snowshoeing competitions, harness racing on the ice and a 50-kilometre (31-mile) skating marathon.

Brockville on the St. Lawrence River has its Ookpic Winter Carnival Feb. 7 to 12, with a chilly dip in the river, figure skating and other events.

On Feb. 19 Barrie, north of Toronto, will have its Winterfest with snowshoe and cross-country fun ski races, sleigh rides, hot air balloons and a snow sculpture contest.

Farther afield, North Bay will have its Winter Carnival Feb. 23 to 25 with sleigh rides, snowmobiling races at Silver Beaches Park.

Sault Ste. Marie holds its Bon Soo Winter Carnival Jan. 27 to Feb. 5, including over 100 family events such as polar bear swim, log sawing and fiddling contests, casinos, dances and fireworks.

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GRANDVIEW

Popular Martinique rich in history

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FORT DE FRANCE — One of the sights you'll see close to the waterfront of this Martinique city is a white statue of Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon Bonaparte. Close to where young boys dive into the blue Caribbean waters stands this statue to the local girl who ruled France for five years from 1804 to 1809. She faces one of the small islands in the harbor where she was born.

This is just one of the historic sites on the French island, today a popular ship cruise stop and a flowery place where eseapees from European and North American winters come to laze on fine white sand beaches.

Another historic site you should not miss if you come here, is the small village of St. Pierre. Late last century it was a bustling city of some 30,000 people. Then in April 1902 there were rumblings from Mount Pelee which overlooks the area. There were tidal waves near the town, and lava and ashes began coming out of the mountain. But the French governor of the island came to reassure the citizens that there was no danger — just a tropical happening.

Then on May 8, 1902, Mount Pelee erupted with flames and streams of hot lava and stones. In three minutes the town was wiped out — only one person survived, a prisoner in a thick-walled jail.

Today you can visit the small museum at St. Pierre, as I did, and see burned and twisted household utensils, clocks which stopped at the hour of er

A Martinique girl is seen in her colorful outfit on the French Caribbean island.

tion, food encrusted in lava found in wrecked homes — and much more. And throughout the area you will find the ruins of homes and buildings of the prosperous St. Pierre of yesterday.

Driving from Fort de France, the island's capital and main city, along the west coast, I saw brilliant tropical flowers along the road — brilliant bougainvillea, hibiscus, magnolia, oleander, poinsettia and others. The road was hilly, with most of the time the blue waters in view and numerous small fishing villages. Part of the road is through a rain forest.

Fort de France has some old and many modern small hotels. Throughout the island there are dozens of hotels, most close to a beach, some deluxe, others with moderate rates and family-operated. There are even a few resorts on the island, where you can have everything by way of sports and entertainment. In all there are close to 2,500 rooms available on this island of 350,000 people.

You can play golf and tennis, go horseback riding, go diving and snorkeling, try windsurfing and sailing, and rent boats or small airplanes for trips to nearby Guadeloupe, Dominica and St. Lucia, the first another French island, the latter two members of the British Commonwealth, but with memories in costume and food of former French colonial days.

There are other small museums in the Fort de France area, to days of slavery, to the rum industry, to agriculture, shells, and transportation. Some of the larger hotels have gambling casinos, there are many small nightclubs in the area, and fine restaurants where Creole dishes are the specialty. The city has good colorful food markets and many duty-free shops for French perfumes and other specialties.

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Travel

Many attractions and fine beaches

Gulf coast popular with Canadians

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FORT MYERS, Fla. — This Gulf of Mexico resort is popular with many Canadians and is best known as the winter home of inventor Thomas Edison. In the neighborhood are many attractions, fine beaches and easy access to the jungle-like Everglades National Park.

The Edison home was built just over a century ago in 1886 and while living here the inventor had laboratories at his winter home. Today you can take tours of the laboratories and the museum where his many inventions are to be seen, from light bulbs to phonograms, automobiles, and rubber developments to tropical gardens.

There are many islands close by, such as Gasparilla Island noted for tarpon fishing and winter home of the affluent. Just to the south is Cayo Costa State Park on the island of the same name. Here you will find many species of big game birds, including ospreys, bald eagles, brown and white pelicans. On shore loggerhead sea turtles can be found sunning themselves.

The park is only accessible by boat, and has picnicking facilities, shell collecting, camping and swimming.

Nearby are Sanibel and Captiva islands, accessible by boat, and best known for the variety and numbers of seashells to be found on the white sand beaches.

From Fort Myers you can tour Everglades National Park by motorboat. There are regular cruise excursions lasting from several hours to several days.

Northward up the coast are many winter resorts and a growing number of retirement colonies where houses, apartments and condominiums can be bought. Marinas are everywhere and some winter residents come by boat from northern areas.

At Sarasota the major attraction is the Ringling Museum of Art, a Florida state museum, on a 38-acre landscaped area. As befits the name there is an extensive collection here of circus memorabilia, a history of the circus operated by the Ringling family over many years.

Busch Gardens a favorite

Also this is one of the finest collections of Renaissance and Baroque art gathered by the family over a long period from Europe. It includes an entire 18th century Italian theatre, the Asolo, where concerts and theatrical presentations of the 18th century are held during the winter months.

Sarasota also has greyhound and thoroughbred horse racing.

A bit further up the coast is the Tampa-St. Petersburg region, filled not only with vacation spots and good beaches, but some of Florida's major attractions. Among the newest is the Salvador Dali Museum at 1000 Third St. South, St. Petersburg, with the largest collection of work by this Spanish surrealist artist. From St. Petersburg you can now take cruises in a large ocean-going cruise ship for an evening on the Gulf of Mexico and occasionally to Mexican ports.

Major attraction in the Tampa area is Busch Gardens Dark Continent, a make-believe part of Africa with hundreds of big game animals and birds, African towns and entertainers, whitewater rides and other exciting adventures. You can walk through the level fields teeming with elephants, giraffes, monkeys, camels and big cats, or tour the area on a monorail system, by skyride, or train. This is an attraction that can take days to cover.

In the Tampa area there is the University of Tampa in what used to be a resort hotel of Moorish design built almost a century ago when a railway came here from the north for wealthy winter vacationers. Here too is a bit of 19th century Cuba in Ybor City where cigar making came during the Spanish-American War period. You'll find historic spots where Cuban heroes are buried, dining places named after U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt who led U.S. forces during that turn-of-the-century war, and watch as cigars are made by hand.

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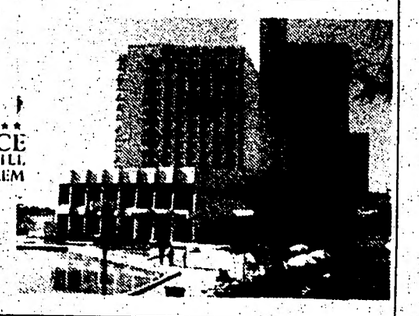
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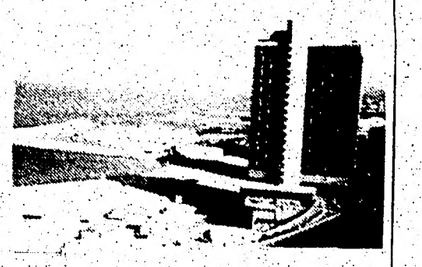
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Business Outlook

Tel Aviv's wine bars sparkle with a rosé image

By
ANDY GOLDBERG

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
What Europeans have known for a decade, Tel Aviv is just beginning to learn. Whether in London, Paris or New York, the old-fashioned pub is out, and the chic wine bar is in. Pubs are about drinking, wine bars are about style.

Over the past several years, a number of young would-be bar owners have taken notice of this trend and opened up places modelled on the wine-bar ethos. They have breathed new life into an area of leisure which previously was as stagnant as a pool of stale beer; and now, after years of suffering overdoses of mediocrity, Tel Aviv's plethora of pub-goers at last have bars worthy of the name in which to drown their sorrows, celebrate their successes, be seen or simply get drunk.

The emphasis is always on "style" — in decor, menu and service. The accepted wisdom attributes the change to the emergence of a new breed of publican: young, ambitious and knowledgeable about what the pub-going public really wants, because they are part of that same public.

But like all one-line explanations this one, too, is oversimplified. The fact of the matter is that, if many of the new bars were the fruits of hard work and investment by young entrepeneurs only a year or two out of the army, then there were at least just as many which had been set up because of the hard work and financial acumen of experienced businessmen in this field.

Moreover, the whole sector has traditionally been infiltrated by the younger sections of the population. They formed the majority of the clientele and of the workers, and it was only natural that some of them would work their way into ownership.

But what both the young and the old bar-owner had in common was the realization that many Tel Avivians had simply stopped going out to drink, not because they had outgrown the practice but because the pubs available were simply not good enough.

The menus were boring, the decor depressing, the bars understocked and the service surly. Worst of all, the sophisticated and snob-by Tel Avivian was turned off by the intrusion of uncouth out-of-towners. In the name of good taste and the preservation of superior status, it was simply a lot better to stay at home.

But things today are different.

All over town, new and better bars which put an emphasis on style and service have opened their doors to a public hungry to be pampered; and if some of them were the projects of astute businessmen who saw the gap in the market, the new trend was also fired by a new kind of entrepeneur — young men and women only a year or two out of the army who saw the opportunity of making lots of money and having plenty of fun while running their own bars.

Not all of them have succeeded, of course; but those who have acted as examples for imitation by others, and the belief that running a pub is a way to make a good living at an easy job is one that is widespread among the younger generation of pub-goers.

The pubs that have been successful all share a number of characteristics. Firstly, they opened up in areas in which the municipality had specific plans for development. Most prominent was the activity in the "Lev-Tel-Aviv" area, a conglomeration of neighborhoods which had once formed the heart of Old Tel Aviv but which, through neglect and apathy, had by the start of the decade become dilapidated and forlorn.

By 1986, the plan to breathe new life into "Lev-Tel-Aviv" was well under way; offices and workshops were being forced out, subsidies were offered to renovate houses, and the area's narrow streets and quaint buildings came back into fashion. The pubs were not long in following, being designed to cater mostly to the local population; and while some residents complain of the late-night noise, others have nothing but praise for the gaggle of local watering holes which has given the area what it never had before — a night life of its very own.

On the other side of town Basel Street, recently earmarked for extensive redevelopment, has also a pub or two. The owners say that the untapped potential of the street was one of the major reasons why they decided to set up shop where they did.

All of the new pubs tend to concentrate on attracting a specific type of clientele — if not exclusively Tel Avivians, then people with "Tel Aviv values."

This is not an easy concept to define but it involves a commitment to style, sophistication and fashion which is way above the national average. The pubs make an effort to deter potential clients who don't fit into this mould, by situating themselves in locations where there is little passing trade.

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Much of the impetus for the new pubs arose out of the Tel Aviv night-club boom of the early 1980s. For the first time ever, new places aiming specifically at the younger generation — kids from 15 to 18 — opened their doors, but by the middle of the decade these by-now-sophisticated young adults had outgrown the clubs and were looking for alternative entertainment.

A prime example of this is Ozen Hashlishit (The Third Ear), a place opened by two youngsters in their early 20s some two years ago. The bar is situated on Sheinkin Street, the street at the forefront of the "Lev-Tel-Aviv" redevelopment.

But the bar is almost undetectable from the street. The shop front is occupied by a 2nd-hand record store and the capacious bar is nestled snugly behind it in what used to be a dilapidated wedding hall. Access to the bar is by way of a discreet and unadorned passageway. For first-timers, opening the door at the corridor's end can be something of a surprise, and this may have something to do with the pub's popularity.

"It gives them the feeling of discovery, of being in on a very exclusive secret," said Yuval Klein, one of four partners. In a way it's a hark back to the days of Prohibition in the U.S. when, by opening a seemingly innocent door, you were hit head-on with a barrage of noise and color.

Like the other pub-owners interviewed, Klein admitted that he had no financial proof that the pub's success was guaranteed.

"Most of our calculations before we opened were hunches. I think I'm like everyone else; if I have something that makes me happy then I believe that it will make everyone happy. We just put in things we thought would please us and sure enough they pleased the clients, too."

If he played his instincts, the high occupancy rates at "Ozen's" tables mean that it's safe to say his instincts were healthy. The immaculately designed bar does all it can do to conjure up a speakeasy.

Klein and his partners specifically aimed for the younger generation. "They are far more loyal to a place than older people. The Tel Aviv pub scene is notoriously fickle; a place can be packed for three months simply because it is *in*, then, all of a sudden, it will be deserted. We've been going strong for two years now; that must mean we're doing something right."

He estimates that the minimum sum needed for opening a stylish pub is a cool $100,000 (U.S.). That's what's needed if the place is to be designed and fitted out properly, and it also includes a reserve of about $30,000 to support the place while it builds up a reputation and clientele.

A bar which does exceptionally well can expect to return the investment within six months, while a place which manages to return the investment within a year also should not be sneezed at. But whatever the time span, Klein points out that running a bar "squeezes everything out of you. There are many easier ways to make money, selling peanuts for example. But, even so, a good place can make profits of over $100,000 a year. There are one or two bars in the city like that."

Across town on Basel Street, a newly-opened pub by the name of Hangover bears a remarkable similarity to Ozen, not so much physically — the bar's large windows expose it unabashedly to the street outside — but because the entreprenerial ethos behind the two places seems to be alike. Hangover is the baby of two recently-discharged soldiers, who earned their experience working as barmen or kitchen hands or managers at a whole string of Tel Aviv night spots.

But though Amit Binderman and Alon Behar say that the whole idea of opening a pub "bugged them" because they liked the image and the atmosphere, they admitted that at the base of the decision was the economic aspect.

They knew that there were hundreds, if not thousands of their contemporaries milling around Tel Aviv night after night, wandering from pub to pub, without ever attaching their loyalty to one specific place. The idea was to hook this crowd and give them a place that they could call their own; the method was to take the best from every other pub that they liked — design, atmosphere, video screen, menu, bar and special programmes — and to create a place to which people would come because they knew that standards would be consistently high.

Tel Aviv University sociologist Sasha Viteman conjectures that the growth in pubs is as much an economic phenomenon as a cultural one.

"As it gets harder to make money, there is a great attraction for a cash business where there is a lot of leeway for profit, even if only by cheating on income tax."

Viteman also points to local factors.

"People are getting married later and there are more single people now than there were say 10 years ago. To a large extent pubs are institutions for singles, a reaction to loneliness" — The more singles, he says, the more pubs.

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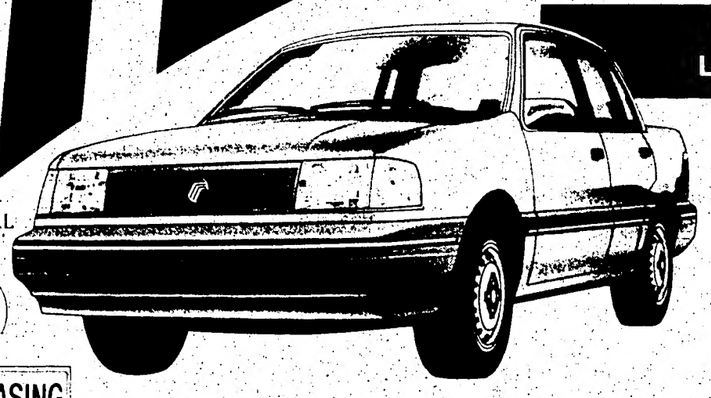

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Business Outlook

Centre for druggists

Koffler launches project

By
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TORONTO —

Pharmacy used to mean a corner drugstore, but it has since become big business, and successful pharmacists must learn how to manage their businesses properly.

Murray Koffler, founder of the Shoppers Drug Mart empire and a prominent leader of the Toronto Jewish community, made that comment recently at a cornerstone-laying ceremony launching the University of Toronto's $4.6 million Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management.

More than 200 predominantly Jewish pharmacists and friends gathered at the Institute's site on 575 Spadina Ave. at Bancroft, where signed architectural drawings of the new building were capsuled for placement in the cornerstone.

When completed in March, 1990, the 3-storey building, located on the west side of the St. George campus, will consist of a 180-seat auditorium, tutorial rooms, offices and a resource centre.

The Institute will provide both pre- and post-baccalaureate programs in management for students and professional pharmacists. It will also offer research in socio-economic matters related to operating a pharmacy business.

Koffler, 64, a graduate of the U of T's pharmacy program in 1946, launched what is now a $2-billion-a-year chain with two drugstores — one on College, the other on Bathurst — inherited from his Romanian immigrant father, Leon, a onetime horse and wagon delivery boy.

This is the second major project at the U of T in recent years to which the Koffler family has provided generous financial support. The Koffler Student Services Centre which opened in 1985, received $1 million personal gift from Murray Koffler. The Koffler Centre was the first new building in 10 years to be opened at the University.

The friends and associates of Murray Koffler, the Koffler family, and the pharmaceutical industry are raising $4 million of the present project cost. The remainder will be funded through the U of T's Breakthrough Campaign.

Major donors to the project include the family of Murray Koffler, Shoppers Drug Mart Associates, Imasco Ltd., Johnson & Johnson, Proctor & Gamble Co. of Canada, Bristol-Myers Canada Inc. and its divisions, Carleton Cards Ltd., Drug Trading Co., Apotex Inc., Cosmair Canada Inc., Kimberly Clark of Canada, Miles Laboratories Ltd., Novopharm Ltd., Plough Canada Inc., Schering Canada Inc., Scholl (Canada) Inc., Faberge of Canada Ltd., Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd. and Sterling Drugs Ltd.

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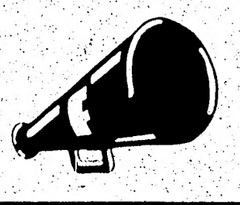
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Trade delegation's visit unofficial

Hungarians seek link with Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A large Hungarian trade delegation is in Israel to promote commercial ties between the two countries, which do not have full diplomatic relations.

The 150-member group includes business leaders and officials of the Hungarian finance ministry and Hungarian Chamber of Commerce.

The delegation arrived here in two chartered Soviet-made Tupolov jets owned by Malev, the Hungarian national airline.

The flight was a preview of the regular air service scheduled to begin, most likely in April, between Budapest and Tel Aviv. It will be provided jointly by Malev and El Al.

The service will be inaugurated after agreement is reached between the two governments on security arrangements for Israeli planes demanded by El Al.

The Hungarian visitors were the guests of the Israeli Industrialists Association. They were scheduled later to visit the Tel Aviv Diamond Exchange.

Finished diamonds are one of Israel's major exports. Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon has hinted he would like to see Israel purchase rough diamonds from the Soviet Union to avoid dependence on the Londan-based De Beers sales organization, which has a monopoly on diamonds from South Africa.

Hungary could serve as an intermediary for the import of rough stones from the Soviet Union. Israel currently has neither diplomatic nor trade relations with the USSR.

The delegation leaders stressed that their visit is unofficial. They observed, however, that improved trade relations would inevitably lead to "other relations."

There is, in fact, an unofficial flow of trade between Israel and Hungary, amounting to some $20 million a year.

The plane that brought the business leaders and trade officials to Israel also carried members of a Hungarian orchestra that will perform in Israel and several chefs, who will prepare dishes for Hungary Week at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel.

Israeli, Indian associations sign pact promoting joint ventures

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — An agreement to promote industrial cooperation and the exchange of information was signed recently in India by the Manufacturers Associations of Israel and India.

The agreement was signed at the end of a tour of India and the Far East by a delegation sponsored by the Manufacturers Association. The delegation was the first group of Israeli industrialists ever to visit India in an official capacity.

The accord calls for the promotion of joint ventures, investments and trade between the industrial enterprises of the two countries as well as the establishment of a central body of information to alert businessmen to opportunities for partnership.

Dov Tamir, who headed the delegation and signed the accord, described the agreement as a breakthrough for Israeli industry, saying it would pave the way for similar agreements with other economic and commercial organizations in India.

India is particularly interested in purchasing from Israel agricultural equipment, food-processing technology and solar energy systems, he said.

"There are many industries that can be developed in India on the basis of Israeli knowhow," he said.

Tamir noted that until four months ago, there were tight restrictions in India on the import of Israeli goods. Since then, many restrictions have been lifted, which should also help boost trade between the two countries.

"Of course, it is still difficult for Israeli businessmen to obtain visas into India," he said, "but we hope to overcome this problem."

Chinese government opens an Israeli tourism office

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — A Chinese official is in Tel Aviv to promote Israeli tourism to China. Cui Yongjian of the China Travel Service arrived in Israel last week.

For many years China was out of bounds to Israelis, but two years ago holders of Israeli passports were permitted to enter China on a quota system as members of mixed tour groups.

In September this year, the Chinese government gave the green light to groups of Israelis. Since then, close to 300 have visited China. Fewer than 1,000 Israelis have visited China since 1986, but the Chinese believe that there is great potential here.

Cui, who has no budget, will be the sole China Travel Service representative here for six months to a year. Later he may be joined by another CTS employee. He will coordinate marketing and handle group visas issued in Brussels, where CTS has its European headquarters. Eventually the visas may be issued from Beijing.

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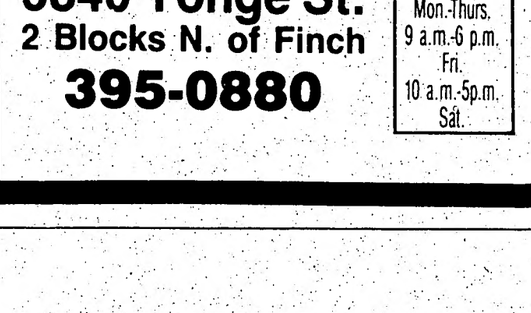

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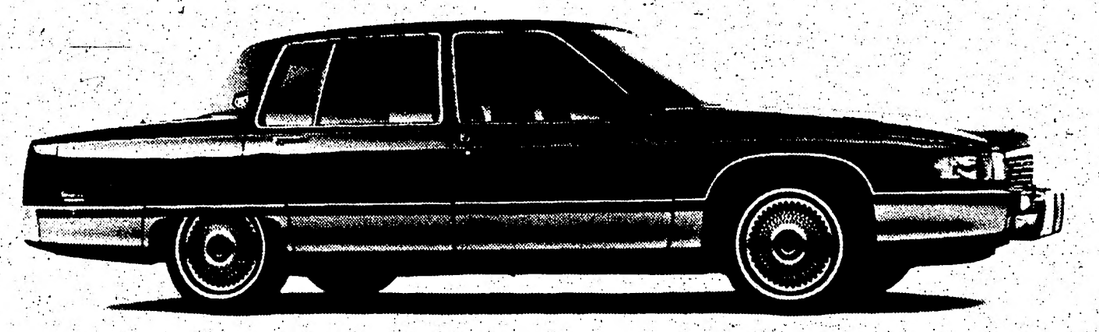

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Don Mills/Steeles/John * 4 Bdrm 2 Storey. Vendor bought firm

CONDOS

Yonge & Sheppard * 2 Bdrm 2 Baths

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BATHURST/CLARK PROMENADE TOWERS
Penthouse suite, 2 bdrm., 2 baths, major appl., ensuite laundry, 1,200 sq. ft., priced for quick sale! *Marlon Green 224-2800.

3000 BATHURST — LAWRENCE AREA
Luxury 2 bdrm., S/E corner, sunny eat-in kit., 5 appl., 24 hr. security, early poss — move-in cond. *Miriam Rose 223-5100.

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Ideal for entertaining, 2 bdrm + solarium, kit & pantry, lots of features, immed. poss. $239,900 *Annette Lipton 224-2800.

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Luxury condo, 2 bdrm., S. exposure *Yally Ross 223-5100.

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YONGE-SHEPPARD CONDO — "PAVILION DEL SOL"
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***YONGE & STEELES DETACHED**
3 bdrms, finished bsmt. Pool sized lot in prime location. Shelly Halpern/Judit Engel 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
Semi backsplit. 4 bdrms, finished bsmt, wet bar, central air. Pool. Prime location. Won't last! Judit Engel/Shelly Halpern 226-9770.

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Gorgeous 4,800 sq. ft. on 1.6 acres. For people who care. Martin Potok 226-9770.

***BATHURST & CENTRE**
Executive home. Large lot. Ultra kitchen. Family rm, fireplace, many extras. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***YONGE & STEELES**
Super luxury suite. 3 large bdrms., 2 baths, all white kitchen, 5 appliances. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***BAYVIEW & 16TH AVENUE**
4 bdrms, 2 storey. Family room, greenhouse kitchen, ceramics, many upgrades. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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BATHURST/STEELES
3,400 square feet. 2 storey, 4 bedroom, ceramic floor, upgraded bdlm. Flexible closing. Bea Berman - 738-9042 or 661-8022.
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BATHURST-MILNER GATE
4 bd., 3 wshrm., 2 gar., extra-lg. lot. 3 yrs. old. George Baron Rltr., 221-6901.

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BATHURST-SHEPPARD GORGEOUS RANCH BUNG.
2-car gar., 3 baths, 2 firepl., fin. bsmt. + in-law apt., immed. poss. Sally Rosen, 630-3676.

BATHURST-STEELES
Spacious 2-stry., 3 bdrm. + den + fam. rm., lge. foyer, $$ in extras, 2-car gar. Sally Rosen, 884-4425.

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2 Houses For Sale Private

York Hill/Clark across from synagogue, 3 bedroom, 2½ baths, central air, fireplace, many extras. 731-6762.

Bathurst-Wilson
Lovely 2 bd. bungalow, fin. bsmnt., lg yard, $275,000. Terms. 787-8541.

2 Houses For Sale Private

Bathurst/Chabad Gate
93 North Meadow Cres.
Open House Sunday 1:30-4:30
Four bedroom, 3-4 piece washrooms, double detached garage, interlocking brick courtyard, 2 fireplaces, skylight, oak living room floor, huge modern white eat-in kitchen, new 50 oz. carpet, central air, deep lot with 5' wood privacy fence. Immaculate, move-in condition. $339,500. No agents please. 486-0274.

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Yonge/Steeles - Semi-detached, 4 bedroom, family room, ceramics, new kitchen, must be seen. No agents. 223-8681 after 6 p.m.

3 Houses For Rent

BAYVIEW-16TH AVE.
Short term to Apr. 3,700 sq. ft. $1,750/mo. Alisa Abrahams/Fran Kieselstein, Ungerman Rlty. 731-7111.

Bathurst/Sheppard - Lovely 4 bedroom home, 3 baths, basement apartment, 3 appliances, new broadloom, newly sanded floors, attached garage. Immediate 633-1844 or 881-9042.

6 Condominiums For Rent

Bathurst/Finch - Savoy - 2 bdrm, 2 baths, bal, security, $1,300. 494-7100 or evgs. 494-8755.

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Bathurst/Finch (Hemispheres I) - Lovely 2 bedroom with terrific view, $1,200/month including utilities, parking. 785-8184.

Glencairn Subway - Luxury 1 bedroom, pool, sauna, cable, parking. $950 inclusive. Available from December 16. 488-2437.

9 Accommodation Available

Room for rent in beautiful house, Bathurst/Steeles. 661-3831 evenings.

11 Shared Accommodation

Eglinton West Subway/Allen Expressway - Female, non-smoker to share 3 bedroom house with same. Laundry, garden, parking available. $595 inclusive. Immediate. 783-2225.

Bathurst/Antibes - Wanted: Quiet male to share luxury apartment, pool, tennis, sauna. $404 month, utilities included. Non-smoker. January 1st. Zev 665-7121 evenings, 596-2769 work.

Glencairn Subway - Female, non-smoker to share house. Laundry, parking, fireplace, private bath. $500 inclusive. 785-5822.

5 Condominiums For Sale

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Conservatory - Clark/Hilda - 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 5 appliances. $1,250. 752-2282, 764-7674.

Courtland. 1 bd./den, $1,150. Ted Waxman, Ungerman Rlty. Rltr. 731-7111.

3000 Bathurst - Immaculate, beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 5 appliances, new blinds. 486-0409, no Saturday calls.

11 Shared Accommodation

Female professional non-smoker to share 3 bdrm. Ridelle/Marlee area. Available immediately. Phone 789-2351.

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12 Apartments For Rent

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Bathurst/Eglinton - Furnished two bedroom, utilties, cable. Sublet January-March, $950/month. 223-1304.

Bathurst/Wilson - Beautiful 1 bedroom basement apartment, own entrance, TTC, non-smoker. 787-2669.

Leslie/Cummer - 1 bedroom basement apartment, partly furnished, separate entrance, $670, female preferred. Available immediately. 733-0625.

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17 Florida Property For Rent

Fort Lauderdale - 1 bedroom + Florida room, close to shopping. Available from January, minimum 3 months. Evenings 731-3334.

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17 Florida Property For Rent

Quadomain Britania, Hollywood - Winter lease, 4-5 months. Penthouse, 1 large bdrm. convertible, magnificent view, beautifully furnished and equipped. $2,300/m. **Turnberry Realty, Margaret (305) 935-0300, (305) 456-5813.**

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North Miami, Cricket Club - Southeast exposure, Biscayne Bay - 2,335 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, 3 full baths, magnificent custom designed condo, luxurious, stylish and dramatic, all amenities. Available January 1 - January 30. References: (416) 927-8297.

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Florida Condominium - Beautiful. Weekly/monthly, available Christmas. References required. 445-2832, 443-9370.

West Palm Beach - Century Village - 1 bedroom, 1½ bath, low-rise, freshly painted, nicely furnished, available January 1st. 669-1062.

18 Florida Property For Sale

Allergy sufferers - Beautiful ceramic tile floor throughout - Lauderhill, "Cascades." 3 years new, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Olympic size pool, clubhouse, appliances. $55,000 U.S. Move right in. 889-0491 evenings. 305-741-2267.

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Condo - Hillcrest Country Club, Washington St./Hollywood Blvd. - 2 bedroom, 2-4 piece washrooms, immaculate condition, security, pool, Jacuzzi. All amenities, golf course etc. Lots of fixtures included. Private sale $72,000 U.S. Details: Call owner collect 305-963-0324 Mr. or Mrs. Erger, or local Mrs. Bassin 531-7828.

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Hemispheres, Hallandale. Ocean front, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, upgraded, luxuriously furnished, high floor, southern exposure. 514-487-0588 (Mtl.) 305-458-5901 (Fla.).

19 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

North Miami Beach - Attractive 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished, mirrors, ceiling fans, walk to shopping, synagogue. $65,000 U.S. or will rent for season, $1,600/month U.S. Call 1-305-932-7026.

19 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

Sales or Rentals. Call or write. Jerry Rabinovitch. ACME REAL ESTATE. 800E Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hallandale, Florida 33009. 1-305-458-7303.

21 Israel Properties

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28 Announcements

Place of Chanukah Party that was planned for the deaf and hard of hearing community on Sunday afternoon, December 11th at Beth Emeth Synagogue has been changed to National Council of Jewish Women building, 4700 Bathurst St. 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Admission $3.00, $5.00 for family. Chanukah games, Trivial Pursuit, refreshments, prizes. R.S.V.P. 665-2425 after 8 p.m. and/or 665-2525.

28 Announcements

Rooms, basement apartments, apartments to share. Call Jewish Information Service 635-5600.

29 Social Announcements

It's A Boy
Ciminsky-Phillip and Ava are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, David Corey, born November 24, 1988, weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Sylvia and Norman Ciminsky and Benny and Lilly Gottfried, and great-grandmother Rose Gottfried.

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Beverly and Leon Levene are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rani Lynn to Michael Sydney, son of Greta and Jack Rabinowitz.

30 Articles For Sale

King size, 9 piece Thomasville walnut bedroom set, 2 years new, purchased at $7,000, asking $4,000. 883-9660.

Richmond Hill Country Club gold card family membership for sale. Best offer. 886-7152.

34 Employment Opportunities

Word Processing Operator/ Secretary for Jewish institution in Vancouver. Excellent organizational and people skills required. Reply to Box 8930, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

34 Employment Opportunities

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34 Employment Opportunities

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36 Business Opportunities

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Baycrest "Bubbie" dies at age of 98

TORONTO —

Mrs. Rebecca Goldbach died recently in her 98th year in Baycrest Hospital.

Her oldest granddaughter, Mrs. Barbara Temma Richman of Silver Spring, Md., read the euulogy at her funeral.

"She went by many names: Rebecca, Ma, Rivela, Granny and Mrs. Goldbach," her granddaughter said. "In the last few years, to make it easier on the nurses who tended her, she frequently asked that she be called Becky. My favorite though was Bubbie. It fit her best because her love for her Jewishness and her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren outshone all else."

Another tribute came from one of her nephews, Louis Skulko of Westgate Blvd. in North York. "I can only agree wholeheartedly what a wonderful and caring aunt she was," he said.

BC cantor's wife dies

VANCOUVER —

Kay Nixon, wife of Cantor Murray Nixon of Beth Israel, died here recently after a long illness. She was 62.

Mrs. Nixon was born in Toronto, the daughter of Max and Jenny Yankoo. She received her education in Toronto and was married to Cantor Nixon there in 1947.

In July, 1967, the Nixons moved to Vancouver with their 4 children.

During her 21 years in Vancouver, Nixon was involved in many aspects of Jewish and secular life.

Surviving are her husband Murray; a daughter, Rhonda (Mrs. Robert Schwartz, Arlington Heights, Ill.) a son Marty of Richmond, B.C.; a son Howie, Jerusalem; a daughter Cheryl (Mrs. Auby Fenig of St. Catharines, Ont.); and grandchildren Daniel, Ilana, Jessica, Michael, Micha, Itai and Yoav; and her mother-in-law Tillie Nissenbaum.

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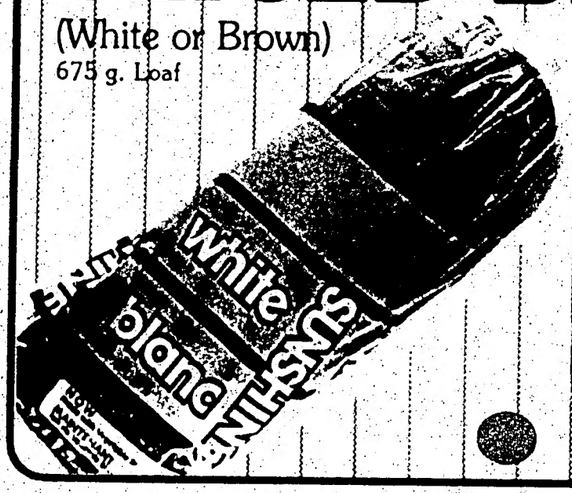

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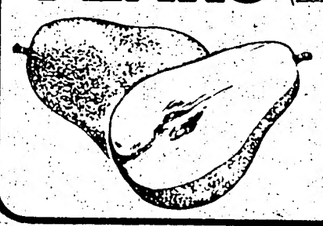

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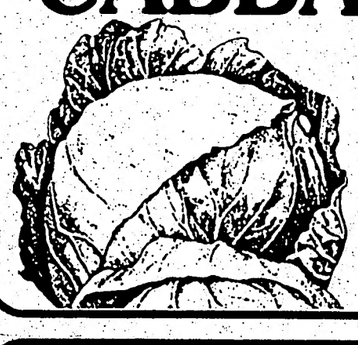

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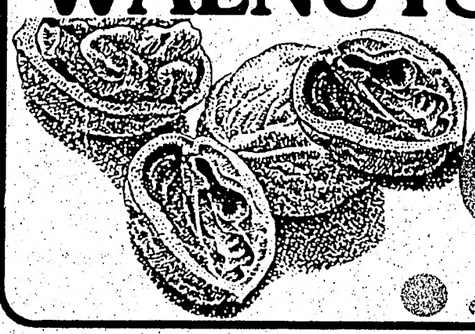

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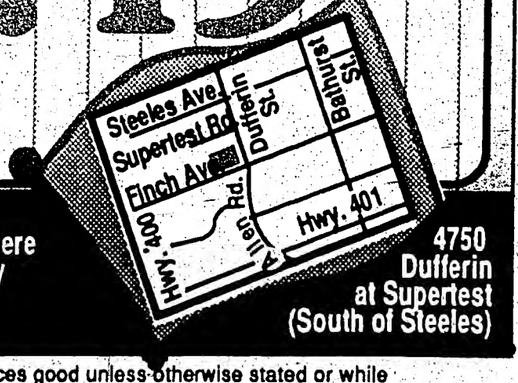

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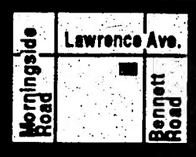

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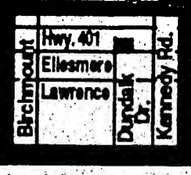

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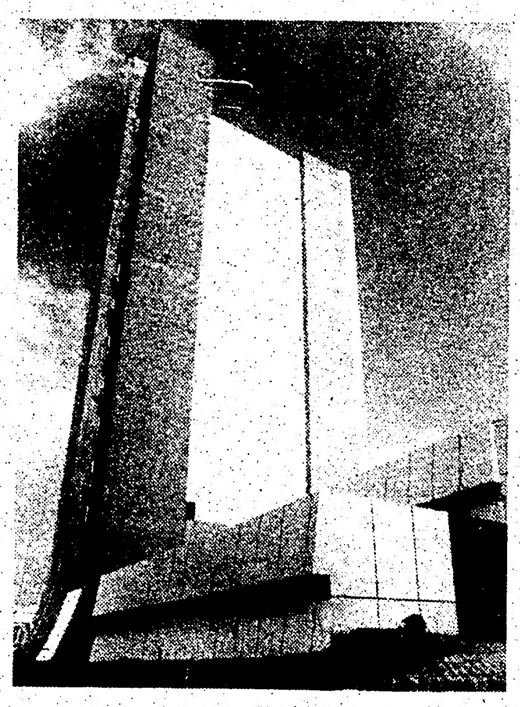

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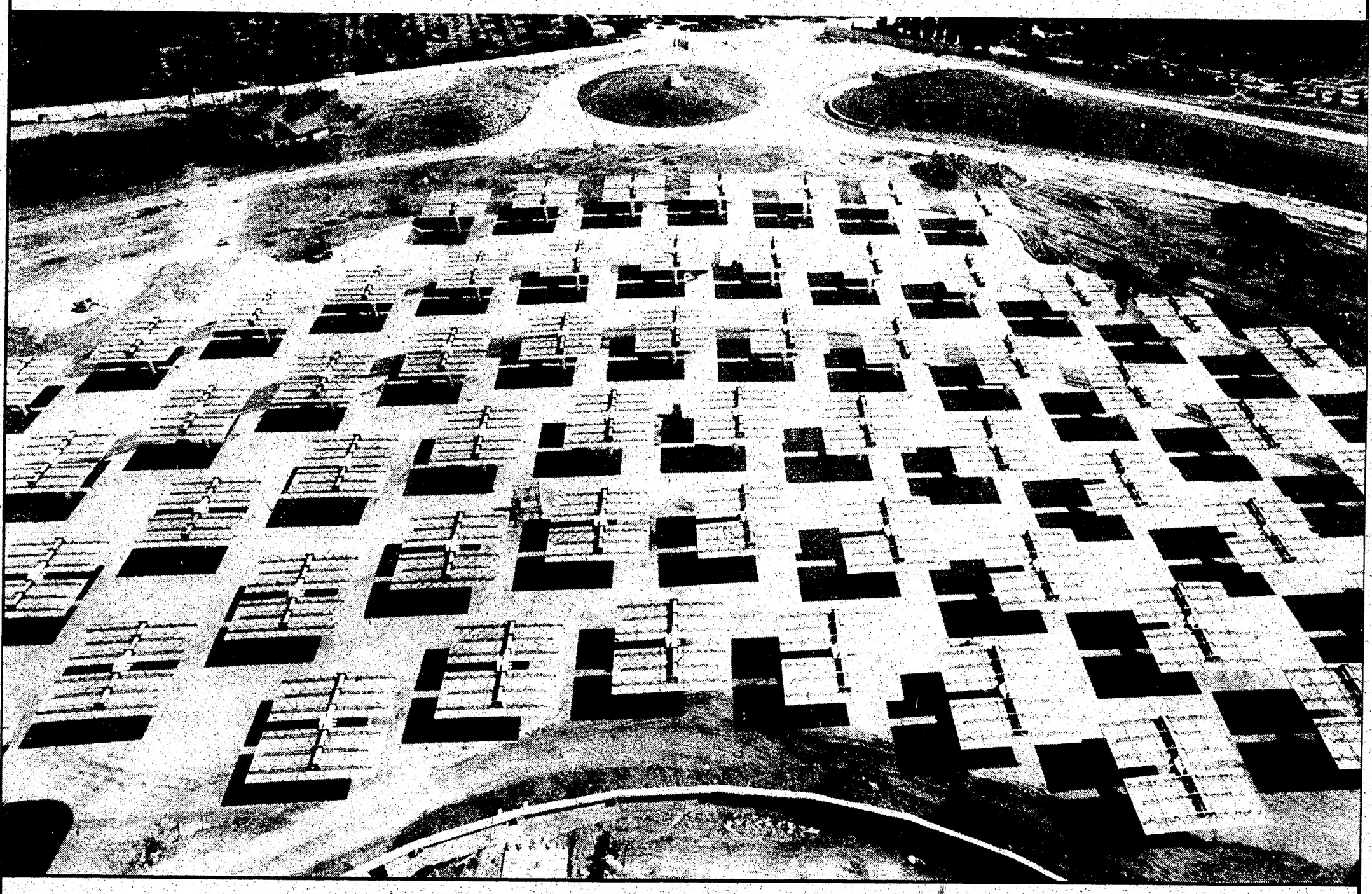

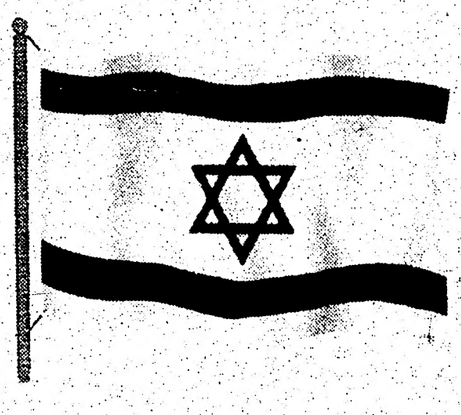

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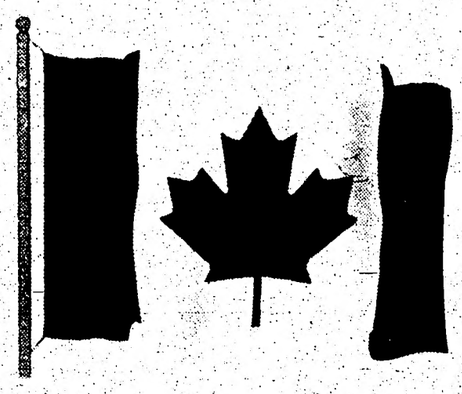
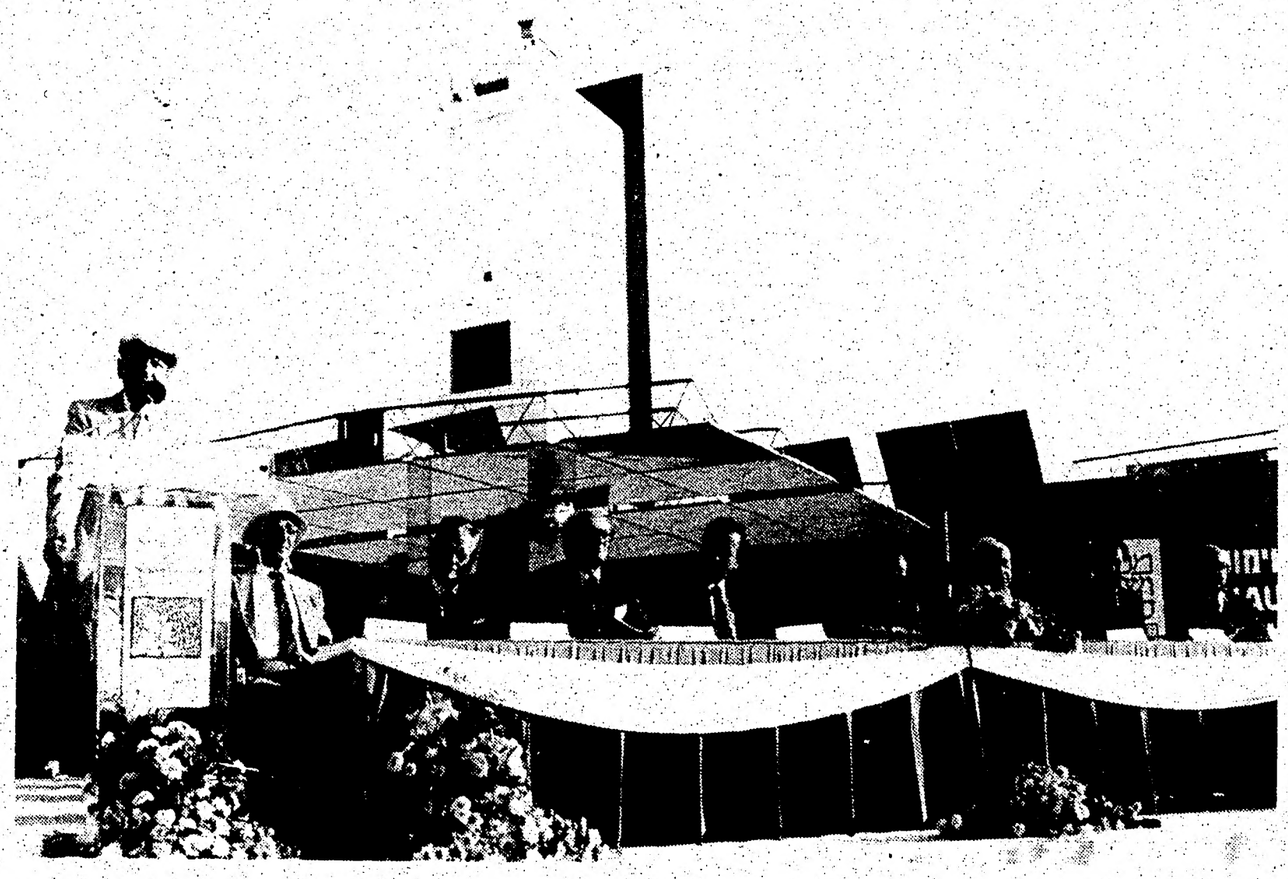


Canadians dedicate Weizmann solar facility

The Kay family in front of the Solar Spire.



At the dedication (from left): *Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky; Prof. Israel Dostrovsky; Hans Merkle; Thomas Beck; Minister Gideon Patt; Murray Koffler; Prof. Ephraim Katzir; Jimmy Kay and Moshe Porath.*

The Beck family gathered at the Beck Complex.

To celebrate the dedication of the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research, the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science brought "Discovery '88" – its largest-ever mission – to Israel.

At a time when Israel's image in the outside world is tarnished and tourism is in the doldrums, well over 100 people from across the length and breadth of Canada, from Vancouver to Halifax, came to show their support for the Jewish state and for its scientific contributions to humanity at large, as represented by the Weizmann Institute.

"The scope of the participation in this mission is a tremendous testimony to the great interest this project – the Canadian Institute – engendered throughout Canada," said H. Thomas Beck, president of the Canadian Society.

Like participants in other missions to Israel, the Canadians on "Discovery '88" spent much of their time touring historic sights and meeting with Israelis from all walks of life, from the people who run the buses to the people who run the country. But the highlight of "Discovery '88" was the two days spent at the Weizmann Institute.

"In addition to the tourism aspects of the mission," noted David L. [illegible]is, president of the Toronto [illegible] of the Canadian Friends, "we had a two-fold purpose in coming: to achieve an understanding of the purpose and successes of the Weizmann Institute in general, and of the Canadian Institute in particular."

To accomplish the first part of that goal, participants were given a tour of the Weizmann Institute. Then they were divided into small groups, to learn in greater depth from individual scientists about the various aspects of their current research. The groups, for instance, learned about electron microscopy, laser research, cellular studies and other subjects.

The main focus of the mission's two days at Weizmann was the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research. Added to the Weizmann's other facilities, said Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, the Canadian Institute makes it the best place in the world for solar energy research right now. Prof. Dostrovsky had conceived the project, and has carried it through to completion.

"This is a remarkable day," noted Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky, president of the Weizmann Institute, in welcoming mission participants. "It marks the culmination of a project on which we have been working for a long time. The Institute, as you know, strives to be in the forefront of scientific research. We, therefore, choose very carefully those areas in which we want to work. This project – solar energy research – must and does interest the whole of mankind.

"We believe," he continued, "that the Weizmann Institute of Science, thanks to this magnificent facility, will now be able to contribute not only to Israel but to all humanity. And this dream is being realized because of the love and dedication of our friends from Canada."

Prof. Dostrovsky, in hosting the unveiling of the various plaques at the Canadian Institute – along with Israel Television personality Daniel Pe'er – stressed the new opportunities which this facility offers Weizmann researchers.

"This place," he said of the Helen and Reuben Dennis Plaza of Light, "used to be a narrow, sandy lane through orange groves. Now it is the road to the future."

In dedicating the Joseph Tanenbaum Family Avenue of Light, he noted that a derelict packing plant used to sit on the site. "Now," he said, "we will export knowledge instead of oranges."

At the November 7 inauguration ceremony for the Canadian Institute, Minister of Science Gideon Patt, representing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, joined the premier in "saluting all those who made this great day possible." On behalf of the prime minister, he further expressed his "deepest appreciation of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science" and said he was sure that "in the not-too-distant future, we will all be able to look back with pride on what was accomplished here."

Former Weizmann president Prof. Dostrovsky and former president of the State of Israel Prof. Ephraim Katzir used the inauguration ceremony to explain a little about the work that will be carried on at the Canadian Institute.

"When I first heard that Canadians were to be involved in this project," Katzir said, "I knew it would be done on a grand scale. Canadians do everything on a grand scale."

He also explained that Israel currently spends more than $2 billion a year – 2.4 per cent of its gross national product – on purchasing imported coal and oil. "The importance of the solar energy research that will be carried out here is, therefore, quite obvious," he said.

Katzir noted that three different projects were underway in the experimental stations in the Kay Solar Spire, the heart of the Canadian Institute. The first, he said, was the development of a solar gas turbine in which the air that is heated to drive the turbine and thus produce electricity would be heated by concentrated sunlight rather than by burning polluting fossil fuels.

The second project is a solar energy-driven laser which can convert solar energy directly into laser light. And the third project, he said, was a "chemical heat-pipe," which would use concentrated sunlight to transform carbon dioxide and methane gas into an energy-rich mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide, which can be easily stored and transported by pipeline from a solar plant in a desert area such as the Negev to another plant in a heavily populated area. There, another process would "methanate" this mixture, releasing large quantities of energy and producing methane which can be pumped back to the solar plant and used again.

Prof. Dostrovsky observed that the inauguration ceremony celebrated the culmination of a "long, long gestation period that began eight years ago. This facility," he said, "enormously enhances the potential of the Weizmann Institute for research in solar energy."

He noted that it is becoming increasingly imperative for the world to find alternatives to burning fossil fuels – which both pollute the atmosphere and raise the earth's [illegible]mperature through the "greenhouse effect" – to produce energy. These alternatives, which he said must be found "sooner rather than later," include nuclear and solar energy. Because of the problems involved with nuclear energy, he added, "so-

Above left (from left): *Irving Frisch, Murray Koffler, Thomas Beck, Adam Kahan and Jimmy Kay;* (above right) *Dorothy Hendeles receives a scroll from Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky.*

lar energy is the only realistic alternative available."

The Canadian Institute, he said, is a unique facility "and the research programme being carried out in it is equally unique. It is an unashamedly applied research facility, designed to take an idea and carry it through to fruition."

He also expressed his "extreme gratitude to our Canadian friends who got excited about this project at its very beginning and supported it to an extent never before seen at the Weizmann Institute."

The extent of that support was emphasized by Murray Koffler, a former president of the Canadian Society and currently chairman of the Weizmann Institute's Board of Governors, who noted that this was the largest project ever undertaken by Canadians in Israel.

And Jimmy Kay, chairman of the Canadian Society, said that the scope of the project had involved an almost total effort by the society, an effort whose dimensions had "put the Weizmann Institute on the map in Canada to an unprecedented extent."

The highlight of the inauguration ceremony came when Prof. Dostrovsky's wife Daphna pushed the special red button that activated the computer-controlled field of 64 heliostats that focus sunlight on the research stations in the Kay Solar Spire.

As the Gevatron singers entertained the audience with a selection of Israeli songs, the heliostats gradually rose from their resting positions. Suddenly, two parallel columns of three bright spots, one on each side of the three research stations, appeared on the face of the spire. Then, as the audience gasped, six more spots in a trefoil pattern with a seventh spot at the apex appeared in the centre of the spire. This pattern, as was only fitting, represented the Canadian maple leaf – an appropriate tribute to Canada's great contribution to Israeli science and to the Weizmann Institute's ongoing efforts to harness the power of the sun for the benefit of all mankind.

DAVID A. GROSS

David Dennis cuts the ribbon at the David L. Dennis and Family Sundial Plaza.

From above left, clockwise: Morris and Dena Wosk outside the Wing they contributed; Murray Koffler (right) *shakes hands with Thomas Beck, and in background* (from left): *Mary Beck, Prof. Dostrovsky and Prof. Dvoretzky; Jimmy Kay* (left) *receives a scroll from Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky; Joel Greisman unveils the plaque of the Sundial statue; Mel Dobrin at the Steinberg Plaza of Light.*

(Top row, from left) *Elaine and Jimmy Kay, Thomas and Mary Beck.* (Above) *Prof. Michael Sela, with Leo Perkell; the late Jacob Hendeles and Mrs. Dorothy Hendeles flank Prof. Dostrovsky.*

The realization of a so

Freeing the world, at least partially, from its dependence on fossil fuels has been a dream for years. It became a more immediate and pressing problem in the 1970s, with the Arab states imposing oil embargoes.

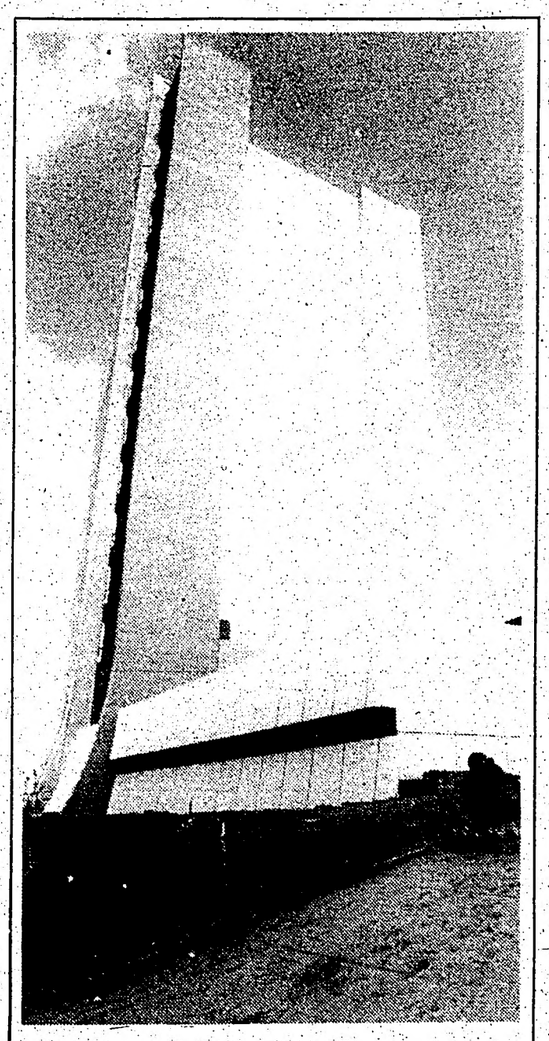
The energy crisis was particularly difficult for Israel, which has almost no coal or oil of its own.

But Israel does have plenty of sun, inspiring the vision of Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, a distinguished scientist and former president of the Weizmann Institute.

His dream, of an ultramodern solar energy research facility, was later to inspire both the president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, James F. Kay, and its executive vice-president, the late James Senor.

Jimmy Kay, a native Winnipegger, was graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Commerce and Finance and an Honours Degree in Economics. He served his country with distinction as an officer in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

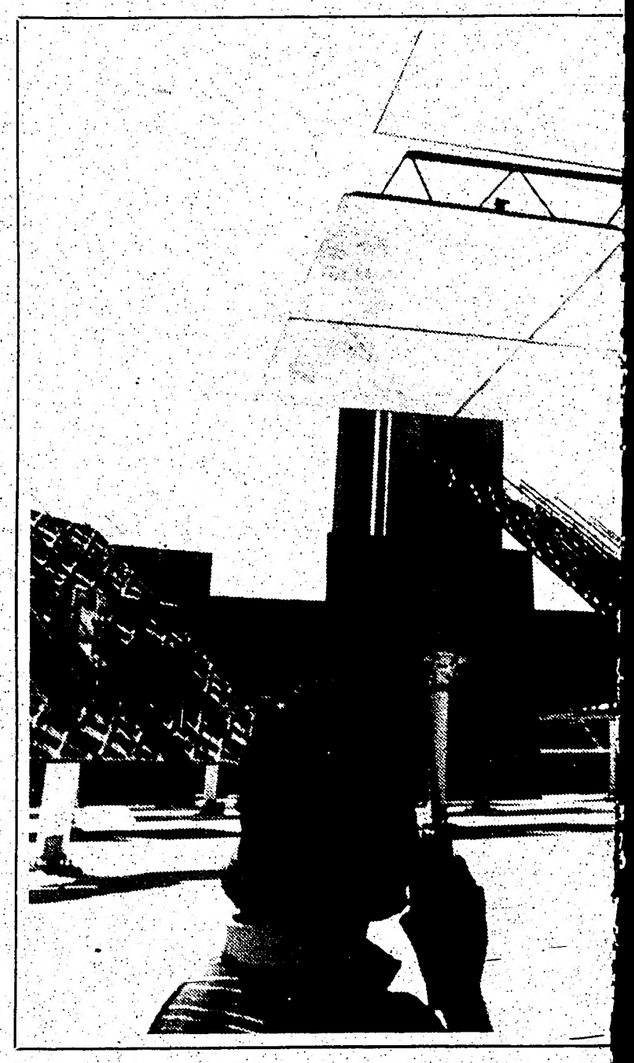
Strongly supported by his wife Elaine and their four children, Kay has long been committed to endeavours which promised a better life for mankind. He viewed the establishment of the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research at the Weizmann Institute as a means to that end. With his dynamism and unique ability to inspire others, he was able to enthuse the leadership of the Canadian Society and convince them to undertake this tremendous project.



In 1982, two major fundraising dinners were held – in Montreal and in Toronto – honouring Jimmy Kay. The money collected enabled the planning process to begin. In honour of Jimmy's pivotal role in the project and his major contributions to it, the tower is named the Kay Family Solar Spire.

The fundraising effort was not confined to Toronto and Montreal. In June, 1984, a major dinner was held in Vancouver in honour of Morris J. Wosk. Funds raised were sufficient to establish a wing in one of the research buildings. Another wing was also contributed by the Posluns and Kay Families of Toronto.

Two leaders and long-term supporters in Toronto – the late Jacob Hendeles and Leo Perkell, were drawn into this wonderful adventure and were major forces in backing its creation. The two research buildings are named after these men.



(Above) *Photograph taken during final stages of construction shows the tower and mirrors of the Energy Project. Architect's sketch of site, below, shows elements of project, with the Valley of Light at top.*

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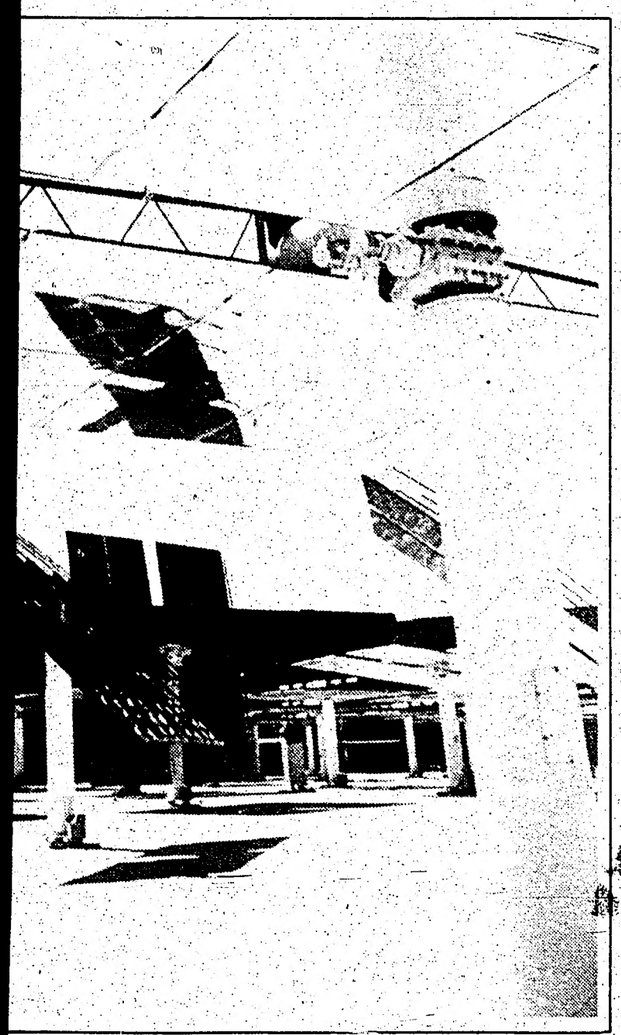

The late Jacob Hendeles was never one to seek the limelight and therefore no public Weizmann dinners were held to honour his outstanding work on behalf of the Canadian Society and the Energy Project. As a builder, he was intimately connected with every stage of planning and construction, and together with his friend Morris Kerzner, he co-chaired the Energy Sub-Committee of the Society which oversaw the construction and financing of the Energy Project.

Leo Perkell was one of the founding members of the Canadian Society nearly 25 years ago. A builder and developer as well as a man of vision and foresight, Leo has worked long and tirelessly on its behalf. His business successes have enabled him to give generously of both his time and resources. In June of 1985, only one month after the groundbreaking ceremonies on the campus of the Weizmann Institute, a gala dinner was held to pay tribute to Leo.

As construction proceeded, the need for funds became more and more pressing. At this time, the Helen and Sam Steinberg Family of Montreal made a major contribution, making possible the impressive outdoor plaza at the front of the building, which gives the whole area the kind of aesthetic surrounding so

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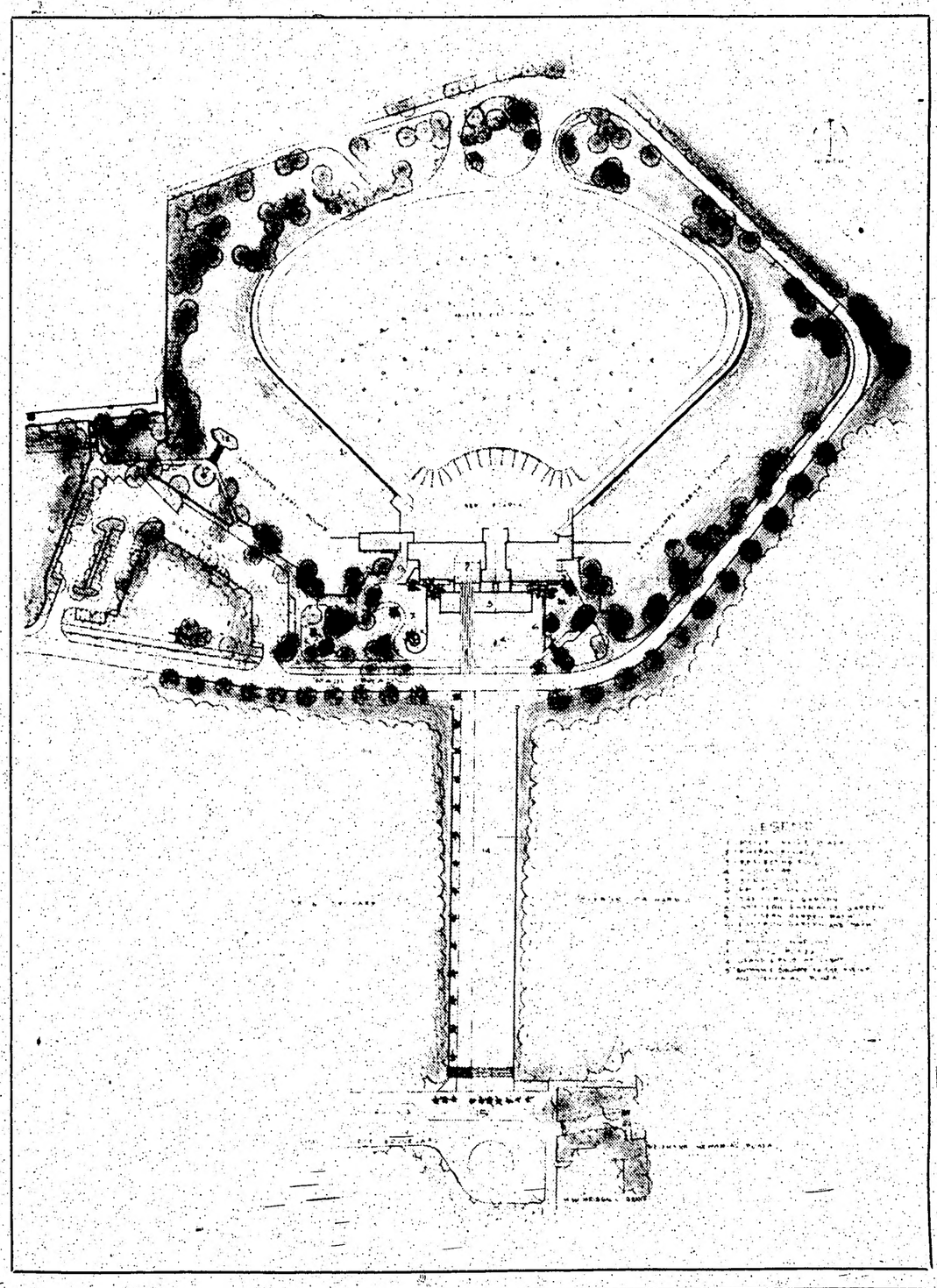

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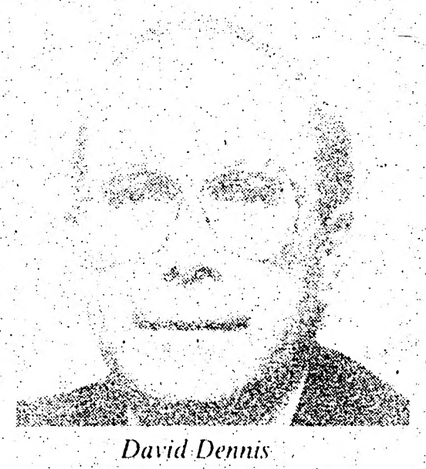

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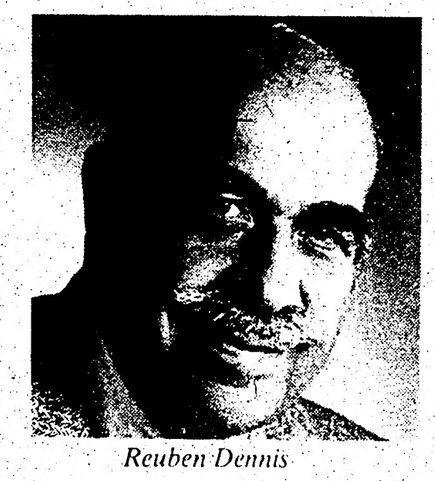

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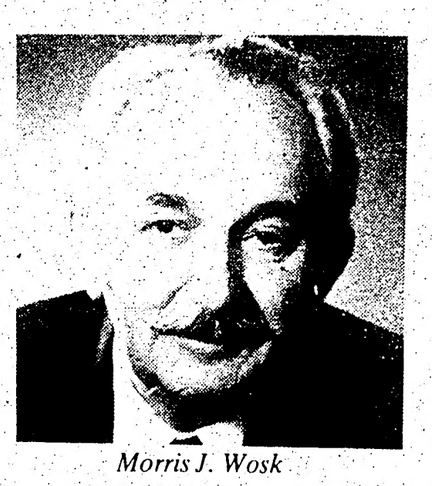

Morris J. Wosk

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characteristic of the Institute campus. The Montreal Community saw fit to pay tribute to the Steinberg Family for their communal work and a dinner was held in their honour in May 1986.

In 1986, Tom Beck became president of the Canadian Society. On assuming office, he undertook to raise sufficient funds to complete the Energy Project. As a senior vice-president, he had been involved in the Project from the outset and had always been a major source of leadership and support. He now pursued the goal with a heightened sense of commitment.

Service is part of the Beck creed Tom grew up with – giving of himself in addition to his financial support. Born in Hungary and educated in England, Beck received a degree in Electrical Engineering from Cambridge in 1948. He arrived in Canada in 1950 and with his mother, the late Teresa Beck, established a business which later became Noma Industries Ltd. In addition to running his very successful business and devoting much time to the Weizmann Institute, he manages to find the energy for skiing and tennis, his favourite sports. His close-knit family consists of his wife, Mary, a son, two married daughters, their spouses and four lively grandchildren.

With David Dennis, Q.C., the Toronto chapter president, providing the driving force, the leadership of the Canadian Society undertook a final drive to raise the necessary funds for the completion of the Energy Project. The focus for this effort was the Mirror Ball, honouring Tom Beck, one of the most elegant and successful events ever held in Toronto. Almost a thousand participants paid tribute to Mr. Beck and also had the unique opportunity of seeing and hearing a special performance at the dinner by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, of which Mr. Beck was the former president.

Additional parts of the Energy Project were sponsored by other supporters. The impressive promenade leading to the facility, called the Avenue of Light, was contributed by the Joseph Tanenbaum Family and the beautiful Square of Light by Helene and Reuben R. Dennis. The circular observation deck, known as The Belvedere and the Sun Dial Plaza, were a contribution of David L. Dennis and Family. The main lobby was funded by Vivian and David Campbell, and the operations room, which holds the sophisticated computers, was donated by the Sheila and Robert Masters Family.

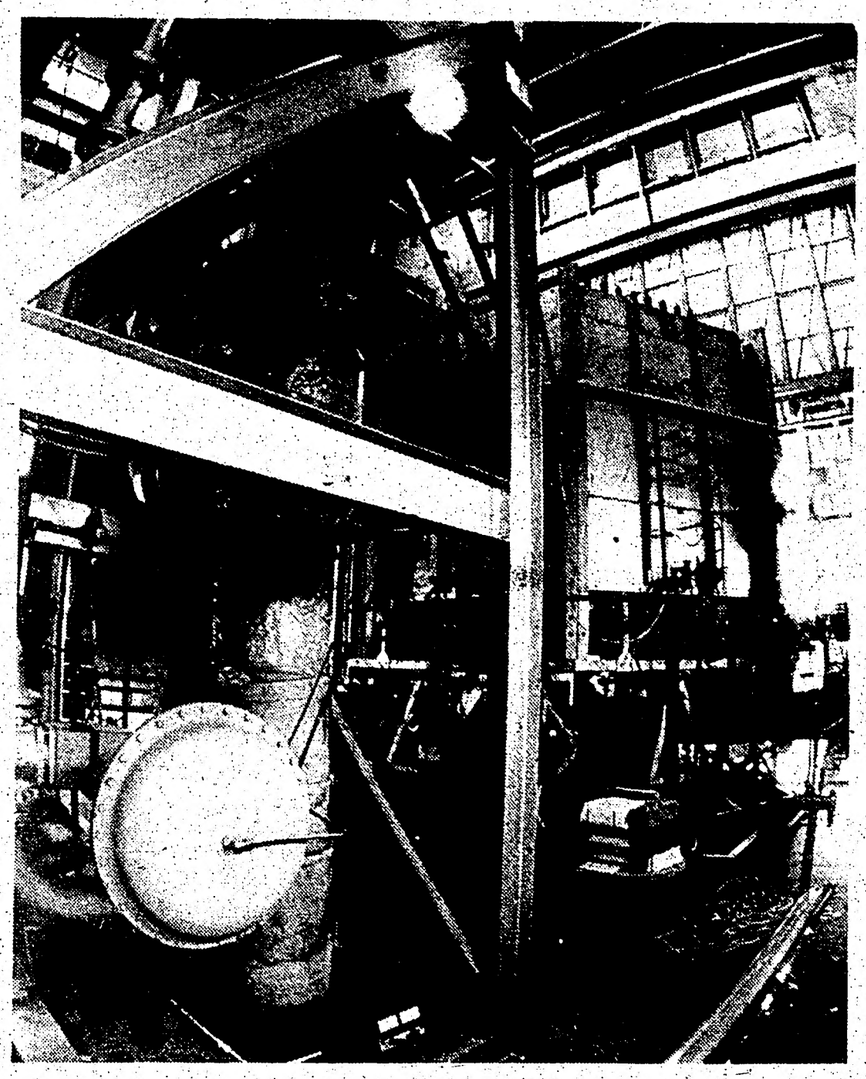
Other noteworthy contributions were the Statue on the Sundial Plaza by the Greisman Family, The Nat and Helen Reich Laboratory, contributed by their children Honey and Barry Sherman, the Morris and Miriam Kerzner Library, the Barrie and Mimi Rose and Family Laboratory, and Jules and Elaine James Laboratory and the Allan Blumanfald Family Garden.

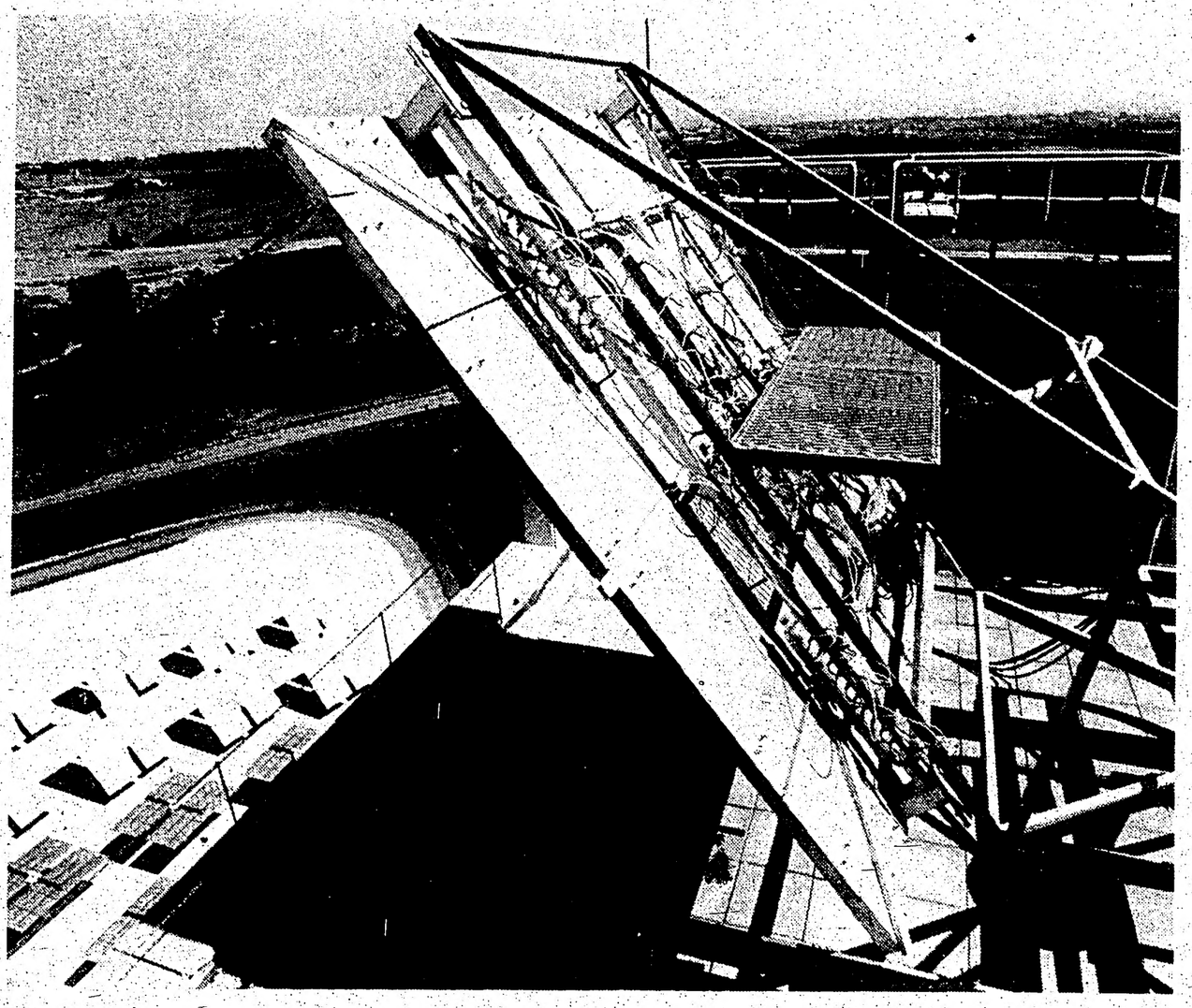
For the last two years the project has been co-ordinated on behalf of the Canadian Society by its executive vice-president, Adam B. Kahan, who has maintained a week by week liaison with the project management team in Rehovot.

Hundreds of Canadians played a part in the realization of this dream. They cannot all be named. As the laboratories, computer rooms, seminar rooms and libraries fill up with scientists and other research workers, there is tremendous expectation that this project, to which so much effort was directed, will help provide the solutions to the energy crisis facing all mankind.

MIRIAM F. TELEM

(Above) *Some of the scientific equipment inside the building.* (Right) *Mirrors on roof can be adjusted to face mirrors in Valley of Light, with the aid of computers.*





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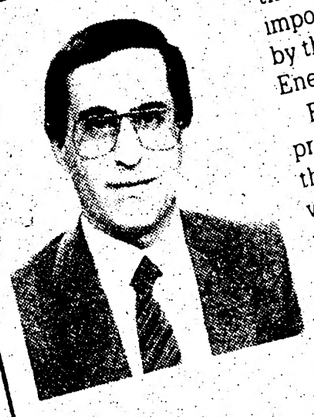
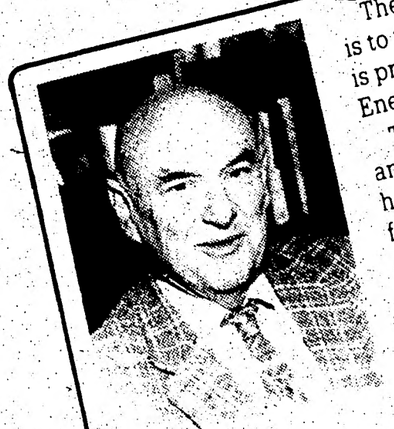


As a country that imports 98 per cent of its energy, the search for alternative energy sources is of vital importance to Israel. This search will be greatly facilitated by the new, ultramodern Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research.

But energy is not just an Israeli problem. Despite the present oil glut, fossil fuel resources are limited. When they run out, as they surely will in the decades ahead, we owe future generations the answers about how they will be able to continue supporting civilized life on this planet.

Moreover, the utilization of alternative energy cannot simply be turned on and off like a tap. A great deal of work needs to be done, and long lead times are necessary. It might even be said that, in some areas, we have not reached the stage of supplying answers because we are still not asking the right questions. This new research centre will, we hope, help us ask the right questions and obtain the right answers.

MOSHE SHAHAL
Minister of Energy and Infrastructure



The Weizmann Institute of Science, committed as it is to front-line research in areas of major significance, is proud to inaugurate the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research.

The outstanding generosity of our Canadian friends and the support we have received from German industry has put at the disposal of our scientists a research facility among the finest of its kind in the world. We are extremely fortunate to be blessed with friends endowed with the far-sighted vision required to address the needs of the 21st century.

We shall do our best to assure that their enthusiasm, dedication and confidence in the Weizmann Institute and in Israeli science will be rewarded by the scientific achievement of this institute and its contributions to the welfare of Israel and mankind.

PROF. ARYEH DVORETZKY
President
Weizmann Institute of Science

The dedication of the Solar Energy Project formally opens a new chapter in scientific pioneering at the Weizmann Institute.

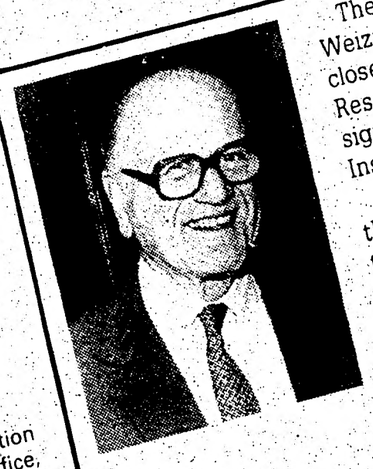
As we huddle around the vast arena of computer controlled mirrors, we are awestruck by the potentials of this new technology.

But most of all we are impressed by the fact that all of this equipment has a simple purpose – to provide, through sun rays – affordable energy which the world needs to produce food, make clothing and heat homes.

The scientists, headed by Professor Israel Dostrovsky, deserve to be proud of their creation, and the large number of major contributors in Canada and elsewhere merit our congratulations and appreciation. To these men of faith and vision we give special thanks.

Ancient hymns can now take on an added meaning. From Israel will go forth the knowledge of how to harness the sun's rays for the use of many peoples throughout the world.

MURRAY B. KOFFLER
Chairman
Board of Governors, Weizmann Institute of Science



There have been many milestones in the history of the Weizmann Institute of Science, with which I have been closely associated from its beginnings as the Daniel Sieff Research Institute in 1934. Today we reach another very significant milestone, the dedication of the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research.

This splendid new facility again places Weizmann in the forefront of international efforts to solve one of the most pressing problems that face mankind, the development of alternative energy which will lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, and reduce the problems – from acid rain to the greenhouse effect – which they create.

My hearty congratulations to our Canadian friends who made this project possible.

LORD SIEFF OF BRIMPTON
Chancellor
Weizmann Institute of Science

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The Weizmann Institute of Science At a Glance

The Weizmann Institute of Science, located on 250 acres of lawns and gardens in the town of Rehovot on Israel's coastal plain south of Tel Aviv, is a centre of scientific research and graduate study. Its scientific staff numbers some 2500, including 1800 researchers, engineers and technicians, and 600 scientists-in-training pursuing M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes.

Today's campus of some 40 buildings grew out of the modest Daniel Sieff Research Institute, founded in 1934 by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the famous scientist and Zionist leader. The Sieff Institute was established in memory of Daniel Sieff by his parents, Israel and Rebecca Sieff, close friends of the Weizmann family.

Dr. Weizmann, who was to become first President of the State of Israel and the first president of the Weizmann Institute, organized his fledgling Institute as a unique experiment in scientific pioneering. It would not only pursue science for its own sake but also play an active role in developing the land and its economy. Its standards of performance would emulate those of the best institutions in the world.

To honour Dr. Weizmann on his 70th birthday, a group of his friends, led by his close associate and disciple Meyer W. Weisgal, later President and Chancellor of the Weizmann Institute, set up a committee to plan a radical expansion of the Sieff Institute into a wide-ranging research facility bearing the name of Dr. Weizmann. On November 2, 1949 the Weizmann Institute was formally dedicated.

Today, the institute conducts some 800 basic and applied research projects in its 21 units, grouped administratively into five faculties, each headed by a Dean.

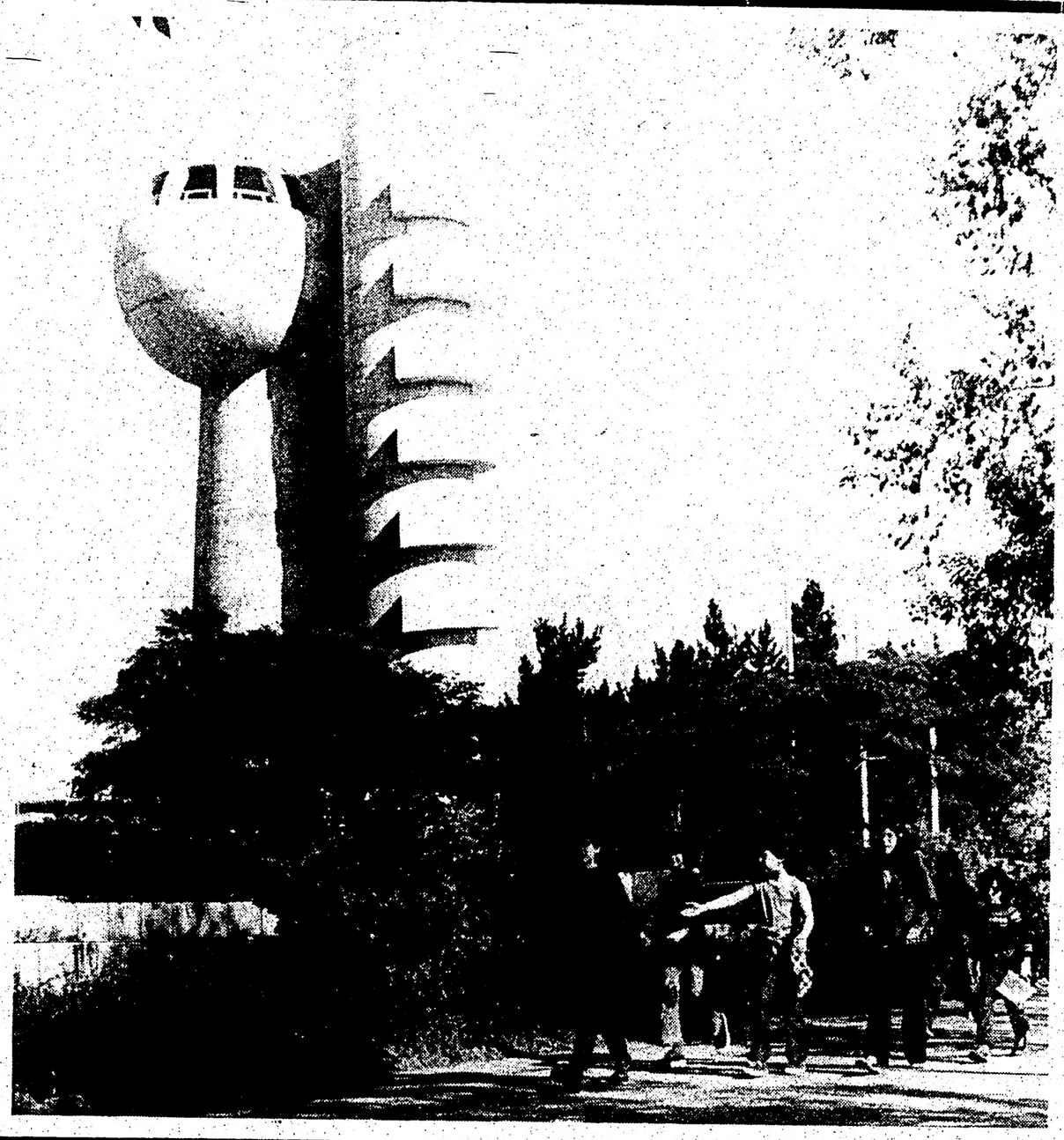
The Faculty of Biology is actively tackling the problem of cancer, the functioning of the immune system, the basis of hormone operation and aging, as well as research into plant genetics and metabolism. Scientists in the Faculty of Biophysics-Biochemistry are examining the details of how cells manufacture the substances they need to live, function and develop. Bacteria, muscles, cell membranes and nerve tissue are among the materials under study.

Aspects of inorganic, organic, physical and polymer chemistry are all been investigated in the Faculty of Chemistry. Various materials of commercial value and processes bearing on water resource expansion and solar energy exploitation have resulted from this research.

The Faculty of Mathematics is engaged in both theoretical and applied mathematics. Computer technology and methodology, as well as theoretical geophysics, are among the interests of institute mathematicians.

In the Faculty of Physics, research ranges from probing the secrets of the nucleus, elementary particles and astrophysics to applied physics, where projects involving magnetism, lasers and holography are under way and the design of electronic and optical devices for industry is in progress.

The Canadian connection



(Right) *The Koffler Accelerator, at the Canada Centre of Nuclear Physics, is a landmark on the Rehovot campus.* (Below left) *Late Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson, l. accepts greetings from Lord Sieff of Brimpton in 1968 ceremony. In centre is the late Prof. Robert Robinson, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and a friend of Dr. Chaim Weizmann.* (Centre) *Canadian House of Commons Speaker John Allen Fraser, r., and Mrs. Rose Fraser, listen to Prof. Cyril Broude explain his work. Prof. Broude came to the Institute from Canada's Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories.* (Right) *Canadian Senate Speaker Guy Charbonneau, l., meets Weizmann Institute President Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky during 1987 visit.*

The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science was formally inaugurated at a luncheon in May 1966 at the Montefiore Club in Montreal, where the late Henry Benson was named chairman of its provisional committee.

Some months later, a Toronto chapter was opened, as the result of a meeting held in the home of Sam and Ayala Zacks. Finally, at the end of 1966, Meyer W. Weisgal, then chairman of the Weizmann Institute's Executive Council, visited Toronto and persuaded Murray B. Koffler to serve as national president of the Canadian Society.

At about the same time, Dr. Leo Yaffe, a prominent Canadian scientist, formed the Scientific Advisory Council of the Canadian Society, a body which he headed until 1986. Today, 38 prestigious scientists serve on the council, currently under the co-chairmanship of Dr. Philip Gold and Dr. Aser Rothstein.

Also worthy of mention are the annual Weizmann Lectures, started with the support of Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Pollack. They bring eminent Weizmann scientists to Canada for seminars and public lectures.

The major purposes of the Society are to mobilize support for research in Rehovot, to arrange exchange professorships between Canadian universities and the Institute, and generally to stimulate interest in scientific research. It today has 11 chapters, from the Maritimes to Vancouver.

The late Lester B. Pearson was the first Canadian to be made an honorary fellow of the Weizmann Institute, in 1968. Since then, Murray B. Koffler, James F. Kay, Prof. Gerhard Herzberg and Ayala Zacks Abramov have been awarded honorary doctorates for their outstanding contributions to the Institute.

The Canadian Society's first major fundraising undertaking, in 1969, was the Lester B. Pearson Chair in Protein Research. This gift was endowed at a festive dinner in Montreal in honour of Canada's prime minister, in recognition of the Nobel Peace Prize he was awarded for his Middle East peace-making efforts. In 1972, the Lady Davis Chair of Experimental Physics was established by the Eldee Foundation in Montreal through Bernard M. Bloomfield and Major Louis M. Bloomfield, Q.C. Other illustrious honorees have been Henry and Bertha Benson, Melvyn A. Dobrin, Dr. Phil Gold, Dr. Samuel Freedman, James F. Kay, the Right Hon. Lord Sieff of Brimpton, OBE, and the Helen and Sam Steinberg Family in Montreal; Murray B. Koffler, James F. Kay, Leo Perkell, John Roberts, Paul Godfrey and H. Thomas Beck in Toronto; Morris Belkin, Gordon M. Shrum, Morris J. Wosk and Jack Aceman in Vancouver; Dr. Donald Hatcher, dean of Dalhousie School of Medicine, and Dr. Jayson H. Greenblatt in Halifax, and Ann Kaplan Mandell in Hamilton.

The Medical Committee in Toronto has honoured such distinguished physicians as Dr. Barnet Berris, Dr. Charles H. Hollenberg, and Dr. Aser Rothstein. Chief Justice Bora Laskin was honoured by the Canadian Society at a tribute dinner in Ottawa establishing the Bora Laskin Chair in Science Teaching.

As a result of these campaigns and successful dinners, the Canadian Society has established more than a dozen endowed chairs and foundations in perpetuity, as well as numerous scholarships and fellowships.

The Koffler Accelerator, part of the Canada Centre of Nuclear Physics, is a landmark on the campus. It was created in 1976 through the generosity of Murray Koffler and his many friends in Canada. To assure the beauty of the site, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sharp of Toronto graciously contributed the Max and Lena Sharp Gardens. The Max and Anne Tanenbaum Chair of Nuclear Physics was established at the time to honour them and to provide funds needed to enable meaningful research to begin, making use of this wonderful new facility.

The Canadian Society has been blessed with a dedicated and devoted leadership throughout its 20 year existence. When Murray Koffler became chairman in 1977, James F. Kay took on the presidency, which he held until December, 1985.

The current president is H. Thomas Beck of Toronto, chairman and chief executive officer of Noma Industries Ltd. James F. Kay serves as chairman of the board of the Canadian Society. Vice-presidents are Melvyn A. Dobrin, Montreal and Joel S. Greisman, Hy Isenbaum, Leo Perkell, Barrie D. Rose, Dr. Aser Rothstein, and Sharon Zuckerman, Toronto.

In the words of Prof. Michael Sela, former president of the Weizmann Institute: "The Canadian presence at the Institute has long been strong and vivid, finding expression in a dazzling array of activities and projects. But, most meaningfully, it is expressed in the warm personal relationships formed between Institute scientists and the ranking members of the Canadian Society." — *MIRIAM E. TELEM*